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TOP SIX SERIES

Bergers fans are ecstatic after their boys overcame the odds to defeat Richmond Eagles. Photo: Peter Kakalias

George Goutzioulis seems to think he's been fouled by Denis Alilovic. The ref thought otherwise. Photo: John Punshon

Altona's Pece Siveski anticipates a pass from Preston's Victor Pititto. Photo: Daniel Flis

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Knights Chairman, Matt Tomas, embraces penalty hero Savas Ozdemir. Probably not a bad time to ask for a pay rise! Photo: Steve Starek

Winners are grinners ... Peta Lipec (left) who scored Preston's winning goal with Roni Guilbert (centre) and Kate Christoff. Photo: John Punshon

Dennis Alilovic leads the Bergers in mobbing Graham Hockless after the midfielder put one past his old club. Photo: Daniel Flis

Whose turn is it anyway? Players from Green Gully and Melbourne Knights await the outcome of the dreaded penalty shoot-out.Photo: Steve Starek

Heidelberg goalscorer Belinda Pannella tries to stay on her feet after being tackled by Sarah Gooney (Eltham North). Photo: John Punshon

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FAWKNER BLUES FC

FULL NAME: Joseph Youssef
BIRTHPLACE: Victoria
BIRTH DATE: 07/06/87
HEIGHT: 186cm
WEIGHT: 83kg
MARRIED: Haha not yet! Unless it was Megan Fox of course
CAR: Rexy
OCCUPATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL: Sparky
NICKNAME: Where do I start? Ue, Huey, U-dog, Younis, Eugene, and there's still more…
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Fawkner, Bullen, Essendon Royals
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Centre of Excellence, Vic squad
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Harry Kewell
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Fernando Torres - The King
FAVOURITE FOXTEL CUP PLAYER: Tie between Pasi Schwalger and Frankie Lagana
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Can't remember any to be honest...
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Tim Cahill all the way
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Last game of 2005 Essendon vs. Preston
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: Leeds 4-3 Liverpool, Viduka scores four to come back and win it for Leeds!
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: Scissor kick from a corner when I was 15
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Rob Bazzano's one liners at Fawkner this year
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being committed enough when I was young...
WORST INJURY: Busting my ankle, (thanks to Melbourne's great grounds) 1 month before last year's season
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Tomislav Milardovic
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: B.T Connor
SUPERSTITIONS: None
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Can of baked beans on toast, banana and bowl of cereal...
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Height, aggression, passing...
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Can't tell you that!
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: Leeds United
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Thai Boxing
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Floyd Mayweather Jr
FAVOURITE FOODS: Mum's Roast Lamb
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Megan Fox, Denzel Washington, Al Pacino
HOBBIES: Pro Evo on Playstation, Fifa is for amateurs…
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Haven't been on one, let alone have a favourite!
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: Motel
IDEAL DATE: Dark hair, pretty face
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Seinfeld, Family Guy, Scrubs, anything funny
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Most stuff except head banging
FAVOURITE FILM: Gladiator
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Melbourne Victory
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: Haha none as yet...
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Mum and Dad
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Warming up and doggies
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To go as far as possible, sky's the limit
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : My Dad when he was young
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S FOXTEL CUP: Altona Magic

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BOYCOTT FIZZLES

But Foxtel Clubs Want Summer Comp

LAST Monday night rebel Foxtel Cup clubs met to discuss their ongoing dispute with Football Federation Victoria and decided to drop their threatened boycott of the finals series which kicked off on the weekend.

Just 10 clubs attended the meeting. The absentees were Green Gully, South Melbourne and Richmond (the AIS has been absent from these meetings) but there has been a significant switch of focus from the disgruntled clubs who now seem certain to put all their efforts into getting the Foxtel Cup to switch from a winter to a summer competition.

All 10 attendees agreed to fight against the zonal structure of FFV's proposed elite senior men's summer competition preferring a summer Premier League run on a club basis and they expect to gain the support of both South Melbourne and Richmond as they continue their fight against what they see as a threat to their existence.

I understand that eight clubs wanted to boycott the finals series at the meeting but one of them, finalist Altona Magic, had a late change of heart.

I also have been told that South Melbourne and Richmond are expected to support the push to switch to a summer Premier League and that once the current finals series is finished the clubs will regroup in an effort to plan a course of action that would see the zonal structure dumped.

That would require a major change of policy from FFV which so far has stuck to its guns but the clubs are confident that if they ever succeed in arranging a meeting with the FFV board they will be able to present a strong case for the seasonal switch.

Meetings involving lower league clubs will continue so that a range of grievances can be aired, however, given that last week Goal! Weekly reported that State Two and Three South-East clubs had expressed dismay that the FFV's planned summer league would be run at the same time as the A–League it seems odd that the Premier League also has taken this direction.

The VPL finals went ahead on the weekend after clubs dropped their threat to boycott

Its decision is sparked by the hope of increased revenue through better crowd attendances in summer and these clubs have a point. Playing Foxtel Cup games under lights in dreadful winter conditions is far from appealing from a spectator's point of view.

The preferred starting date for the proposed summer Premier League would be October and fixturing would have to be carefully addressed to avoid any possible legal wrangle with Melbourne Victory.

Meanwhile the move to stop relegation from Premier League this season looks to have failed although FFV CEO Mark Rendell has received a letter from Aki Ionnas, Chairman of the Men's Standing Committee, asking for confirmation that four teams – Whittlesea Zebras, Western Suburbs, Fawkner Blues and Frankston Pines – have been relegated.

While the dust is starting to settle over this protracted wrangle one of the attendees at last week's meeting was adamant that Premier League clubs would continue the fight. "Believe me, this isn't over yet," he said. "Just wait until the finals series is finished then see what happens."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

LES JOINS THE CROSS

The Southern Cross FC Consortium presented its bid for a second Melbourne A-League license to FFA in Sydney last Monday.

The consortium outlined its strategic plan to the FFA to establish a football franchise that is broad based and inclusive, aimed at the whole of Victoria. The bid team advised FFA of its financial backers and presented a detailed business plan for the first 5 years in the Hyundai A-League.

The bid was very well received and the FFA Board will now consider it today as part of its ongoing process to introduce the second Melbourne team for the 2010/11 season.

The Consortium confirmed to the FFA that all financial, infrastructure and football operations requirements were in place, and that the bid is commercially viable, compelling, and broad based.

Southern Cross also announced that Les Murray and Paul McNamee have been appointed to the bid team.

Les Murray, who presented with the bid team yesterday, is a long time football commentator and is regarded as an iconic figure of football in Australia. Les is an active supporter of the bid and has been engaged to advise on football matters. He will also act as an ambassador for Southern Cross.

Paul McNamee is one of Australia's most experienced sports administrators and has been engaged to advise Southern Cross on commercial matters.

The Southern Cross consortium is pleased to have two highly respected and experienced people of the calibre of Les and Paul supporting the bid.

The bid, which has been in development for well over a year, will unite the Victorian football community under the "Southern Cross" banner, and will draw support from existing clubs from across the state.

A cornerstone of the Southern Cross FC bid is to utilise the soon to be redeveloped infrastructure at the new State Athletics Centre based at Albert Park. This $50Mn redevelopment, which has been fully funded by the Victorian State Government in their FY0809 State Budget, will make the Southern Cross FC facilities the envy of any sporting club in Australia, rivalling facilities available to other sporting codes.

The new facilities will include football administration and operations facilities, world-class gymnasium, training and sports science facilities. A 15,000 seat stadium with additional training pavilion for juniors, Women's and Youth Leagues, along with multiple synthetic and natural grass training pitches, and a restaurant and retail precinct complete the offering.

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FOXTEL CUP FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PT
1 Green Gully Cavaliers	26	15	8	3	41	17	+24	**53**
2 Melbourne Knights	26	14	10	2	47	25	+22	**52**
3 Altona Magic	26	13	8	5	44	29	+15	**47**
4 Heidelberg Utd	26	11	9	6	41	30	+11	**42**
5 Richmond	26	11	7	8	57	35	+22	**40**
6 Preston Lions	26	12	3	11	37	46	-9	**39**
7 Oakleigh Cannons	26	10	7	9	28	24	+4	**37**
8 A.I.S	26	10	6	10	41	35	+6	**36**
9 South Melbourne	26	10	4	12	35	32	+3	**34**
10 Coburg Utd	26	9	4	13	29	40	-11	**31**
11 Whittlesea Zebras (R)	26	7	9	10	31	33	-2	**30**
12 Western Suburbs (R)	26	5	7	14	23	42	-19	**22**
13 Fawkner Blues (R)	26	6	3	17	22	59	-37	**21**
14 Frankston Pines (R)	26	4	5	17	19	48	-29	**17**

TOP SIX SERIES RESULTS

Heidelberg United	2 - 1	Richmond Eagles
Altona Magic	2 - 1	Preston Lions
Green Gully Cavaliers	1 - 1	Melbourne Knights

Knights win 5-6 on pens

Catch Up Results:

Coburg Utd 2 (A Vlahos T Baser)

Frankston Pines 1 (S Mur)

UNDER 21 DETAILS

V.I.S 1 Altona Magic 3, Fawkner Blues 3 V.I.S 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers	26	17	3	6	42	23	54
Richmond	25	15	1	9	51	29	46
Whittlesea Zebras	25	13	2	10	44	37	41
V.I.S	25	11	7	7	42	31	40
Oakleigh Cannons	25	11	7	7	31	22	40
Coburg Utd	24	12	3	9	40	35	39
Melbourne Knights	24	11	6	7	29	33	39
Preston Lions	22	10	7	5	31	19	37
Western Suburbs	24	10	5	9	38	29	32
Fawkner Blues	22	9	3	10	26	30	27
Altona Magic	26	8	3	15	26	39	27
Frankston Pines	25	8	2	15	19	31	20
South Melbourne	25	5	5	15	17	43	20
Heidelberg Utd	26	3	4	19	23	58	13

THE TOP MARKSMEN

Player	Matches	Goals
Cardozo, Pablo Richmond SC	22	20
Barisic, Andrew Melbourne Knights SC	24	17
Curcija, Michael Altona Magic SC	25	15
Naidovski, Jason A.I.S	13	12
Nikolic, Joel Green Gully Cavaliers	24	11
Cardozo, Richard Richmond SC	23	10
Lagana, Frankie M Oakleigh Cannons FC	23	10
Sapazovski, Johnny Preston Lions SC	25	10
Danning, Kofi D A.I.S	25	9
De Moraes, Fernando South Melbourne FC	24	9
Karpeh, Jerry Whittlesea Zebras FC	25	9
Cergovski, Pece Altona Magic SC	23	8
De Nittis, Gianni South Melbourne FC	23	8

FOXTEL FINALS FIXTURES

Week 1
QUALIFYING FINAL
Green Gully 1
Melbourne Knights 1
Knights win 5-6 on pens
(Winner of Qualifying Final advances to Major Semi-Final. Loser proceeds to Minor Semi-Final)

1st ELIMINATION FINAL
Altona Magic 2
Preston Lions 1
(Losers of Elimination Finals are eliminated. Winners proceed to Semi- Finals)

2nd ELIMINATION FINAL
Heidelberg United 2
Richmond Eagles 1
(Losers of Elimination Finals are eliminated. Winners proceed to Semi- Finals)

Week 2
MAJOR SEMI-FINAL
Melbourne Knights
V
Altona Magic
Sun 7 Sep KO 3pm
Knights Stadium
(Winner of Major Semi-Final advances to Grand Final, loser proceeds to Preliminary Final)

MINOR SEMI-FINAL
Green Gully
V
Heidelberg United
Sat 6 Sep KO 6pm
(Winner of Minor Semi-Final advances to Preliminary Final, loser is eliminated.)

Week 3
PRELIMINARY FINAL
Loser Major
Semi-Final
V
Winner Minor
Semi Final
(Winner of Preliminary Final advances to Grand Final, loser is eliminated)

Week 4
GRAND FINAL
Winner
Major Semi-Final
v
Winner
Preliminary Final

Please check the FFV website for any fixture changes.

Qualifying Final

GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

1 - 1

Knights win 5-6 on penalties

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

KNIGHTS PREVAIL IN THRILLER!

Blockbuster Encounter, Breathtaking Finale

The Melbourne Knights have overcome a gallant Green Gully outfit in a tense and nail bitting penalty shoot-out at Green Gully Reserve. Normal time and extra-time could not separate the top two sides of the Foxtel cup, despite the home side being reduced to ten men late into the first half.

Wet and Windy condititions greeted the players onto Green Gully Reserve, as both sides struggled to adapt to the conditions early on. In the 4th minute Craig Elvin's cross caught the wind and totally bamboozled Gully keeper Tilovksi who was grateful that the crossbar came to his rescue. Cameron Watson's drove his free kick from 30yards out that required a fingertip save from Tilovski as the Knights made all the early running.

However against the run of play Green Gully took the lead. Jamie Cumming made a meal of a simple clearance that allowed Gully's top scorer Joel Nikolic a free run at goal. Nikolic made no mistake striking his shot past the helpless Loncaric in the Knights goal for a 18th minute lead.

The response from the visitor's was swift and deadly, managing to level the scores just ninety seconds later. Quick one touch passing from Watson, Spiteri and a flick from Barisic carved up the Gully defence allowing Ivan Franjic to slide his shot under the advancing Tilovksi from an acute angle.

Green Gully looked to utilise the height of Campbell Banks as their target man, Mathew Sanders cross narrowly missing the unmarked Banks at the back post. At the other end Joe Spiteri latched onto a cross from Cumming, but was unable to hit the target.

The match turned on it's head late in the first half, Kole Delev received his marching orders for a last man challenge on Andrew Barisic leaving his side to play out the remainder of the match with 10 men.

Early in the 2nd half Gully captain Dean Fak was very fortunate not to be sent off himself, two minutes of madness saw the defender earn a yellow card for pushing Barisic with a hand to the face, before twice knocking Craig Elvin off his feet. The referee gave Fak his last warning indicating that one more offence would see him join Kole Delev in the change rooms.

Chances were few and far between, as the Knights struggled to break down a defensive minded home side. Ivan Franjic set up Kiratzoglou whose strike from 20 yards rattled the crossbar.

With the home side obviously playing for penalties the Knights pushed numbers forward in search of a late winner. Tilovksi again was called into action acrobatically tipping over a Barisic header, before Dean Fak headed a Watson cross onto his own crossbar in a bizarre finale to normal time.

Extra time also failed to separate the sides as the frustrated Knights spurned opportunities to seal the game before penalties, the most notable opportunity falling to youngster Adrian Zahra who scooped his effort over the bar from close distance.

Both sides made late changes in extra time in preparation for the penalties, Gully bringing on Brazilian import Olivera, whist the Knights opted to change goalkeepers, introducing Savas Ozdemier into to the game.

Gully were the first to flinch in the penalty shootout as John Adam saw his spot kick saved by Ozdemir. The Knights had a chance to take a 4-2 lead in the shootout, however Muriqi's effort struck the post. In a marathon shootout the scores were 5-5 after six penalties each as James Timmons effort clipped the post and went wide. Pedro Coelho De Olivera stepped up to become the hero for the Cavaliers, but succumbed to the pressure blasting high over the bar. Kiratzoglou put the Knights up 6-5 in the shootout, before Ozdemier kept out Medjedovic's effort senting the players and fans into delirum. The crowd which consisted of over 75% of traveling supporters bore witness to one of the dramatic finishes of the season.

Next week the Melbourne Knights will battle Altona Magic for a spot in this season's Foxtel Cup Grand Final, whist the Green Gully Cavaliers will tackle an in-form Heidelberg United side in the minor semi-final. The loser will be elimated, whilst the winner will play off against the loser of the Knights - Magic game.

Match Stats:
SHOTS: GG 4 MK 17
TARGET: GG 2 MK 4
CORNERS: GG 1 MK 5

Penalty Sequence: (Knights had first penalty).
Ivan Franjic (MK) GOAL (Knights 1-0)
Steven Burton (GG) GOAL (1-1)
Cameron Watson (MK) GOAL (Knights 2-1)
John Adam (GG) SAVE (Knights 2-1)
Andrew Barisic (MK) GOAL (Knights 3-1)
Koce Delev (GG) GOAL (Knights 3-2)
Rinor Muriqi (MK) POST (Knights 3-2)
Mathew Sanders (GG) GOAL (3-3)
Steve Iosifidis (MK) GOAL (Knights 4-3)
Kristijan Ivesic (GG) GOAL (4-4)
Craig Elvin (MK) GOAL (Knights 5-4)
Andy Vargas (GG) GOAL (5-5)
James Timmons (MK) POST (5-5)
Pedro Coelho De Olivera OVER (5-5)
Alex Kiratzoglou (MK) GOAL (Knights 6-5)
Mile Medjedovic (GG) SAVE (Knights win 6-5)

Green Gully Line Up: Tilovski, Burton, Fak, Kole Delev, Banks(Koce Delev 63'), Adam, Sanders, Ollerton (Ivesic 60'), Medjedovic, Vargas, Nikolic(De Olivera 104').

Not Used: Ndongo, Behich.
Yellow Cards: Fak 49', Adam 63', Tilovski 96', Koce Delev 107', Sanders 113'.
Red Cards: Kole Delev 40'

Goals: Nikolic 18'

Melbourne Knights Line Up: Loncaric (Ozdemir 117'), Grbesa, Iosifidis, Elvin, Franjic, Timmons, Cumming, Watson, Kiratzoglou, Barisic, Spiteri (Zahra 84' (Muriqi 117')).

Not Used: Thompson.
Yellow Cards: None
Red Cards : None

MoM: Craig Elvin (MK)

Crowd: 600 @ Green Gully Reserve

By Andrew Fisher
Photo by Steve Starek

Shoot out specialist Ozdemir pulls off the winning save sending the Knights into the Major Semi. Insets: Left - Chris Taylor preps his chargers. Right - Gully's Tilovski foils Ivan Franjic

ALTONA MAGIC

2 - 1

PRESTON LIONS

CHAMPS KNOCKED OUT!

Last Minute Winner Seals Lions' Fate

Altona Magic secured another week in the finals series with a come back victory over their derby rivals Preston Lions, with a 2-1 victory at Paisley Park on Saturday night.

Magic has marched onto next week with a breath taking come back over the Lions which will see them take on the winner of Sunday's clash.

Windy conditions saw either team have an advantage either way which proved to be a contributing factor throughout the game

Preston didn't waste anytime to take an early lead when Michael Bosevski stuck a thundering 50 yard free kick with the wind to put Preston in front on the 15th minute.

Altona looked very vulnerable in the first half competing with an attractive Preston and gale winds.

Tony Sterjovski almost scored direct from a corner for Preston with an in bending cross only to be denied by the Altona Keeper.

Preston's defence seemed very solid in the first half but were caught out just before half time.

A free kick flicked on by Esala Masi found Henry Fa-Arodo lurking in the box to slip it past the Preston keeper for an equalizer right on half time.

Altona would press with the wind in the second half as Preston defended then 1-all result.

Preston seemed to struggle in the second half with Altona stepping up a gear and windy condition intensifying.

Altona made some attacking changes to serge for a victory goal.

Several attempts were made from Altona to find a victory goal from Michael Curcija, Henry Fa'Arodo and Agim Serifovski.

Preston's kepper, Lupce Acevski made some amazing saves with trying conditions and adventurous strikes.

Preston's defence were finally broken down in the final minutes of the game when Magic's striker Curcija turned and fired home the victory goal to knock out the Lions for the Foxtel Cup Series in 2008.

Altona will continue it's Finals campaign whilst Preston are left to reflect the season past.

Speaking to Goal! Weekly after the match, a relieved Magic coach Vlado Tortevski said, "It was a typical finals game, especially having to play the Preston Lions who are the reigning champions. It was a very hard game and the conditions made it almost impossible to play decent football. Somehow we managed to put the ball on the ground during the second-half and play some attractive touches. I'm very happy for the players, every single player showed a great deal of character and we're looking good in the finals. "

"Even though we beat them 4-0 last week, we knew we were going to expect a harder game this time around. I think Preston really took the initiative of playing with the wind in the first half and managed to open the scoring. I think if we fell behind 2-0 it would have probably been over, but we managed to come back and we look forward to our next challenge. I think some of the changes we made in the last half an hour of the game were crucial. Regardless who we play next week, it will be another hard game, but we'll be ready."

Match Details:

Magic:
B.Jevdjevic, C.Anthopoulos, C.Recchia, M.Curcija, P.Siveski, A.Sherifovski, T.McSorley (D.Mladenovic 65'), P.Cercovski (N.Kalmar 65'), E.Masi, H.Fa'arodo, P.Riccobene.

Goals: Fa'arodo 44', Curcija 89'.

Yellow cards: Curcija 89'.
Red cards: None

Lions: L.Acevski, M.Bosevski, J.Sapazovski, N.Schwal, B.Georgioski, C.Tolevski, T.Sterjovski, M.Miskas (R.Dolevski 89'), I.Arsovski, V.Pititto (B.Mickovski 89'), Z.Popovic.

Goals: Bosevski 14'.

Yellow cards: Sapazovski 26', Bosevski 85', Sterjovski 90'.

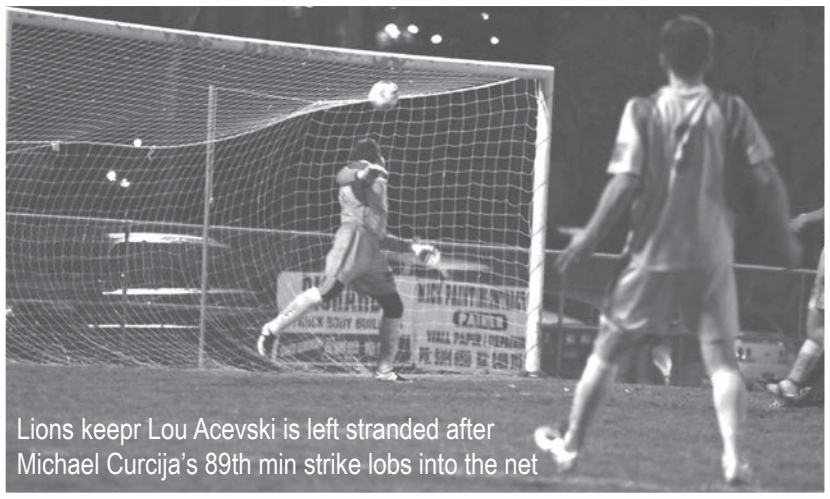
Red cards: None

Man of the match:
Carl Recchia
(Altona Magic)

Crowd: 2,500
Venue: Paisley Park

By Dean Stafrace

Photo by Daniel Flis



Lions keepr Lou Acevski is left stranded after Michael Curcija's 89th min strike lobs into the net

Michael Curcija turns away after scoring

Stacks on! Magic players are delirious

The Magic have just eliminated their arch rivals and reigning champions, Preston, to progress to the Semi Finals.Inset: Shows the sequence of Curcija's dramatic winner.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

2 - 1

RICHMOND EAGLES

TEN MEN BERGERS DEFY EAGLES

Warriors Through Against the Odds

The 2008 Finals series got under way with a Second Elimination Final between Heidelberg United and Richmond Eagles at John Cain Memorial Reserve.

The Northcote ground was in good condition, the fine weather of the morning becoming a little darker as the game drew near. Heidelberg had a full squad at their disposal, with Richmond missing Zoran Cvetkovski through suspension after picking up a fifth yellow card in the final round loss to the A.I.S.

In the first minute a foul by Marino Gasparis on George Goutzioulis saw Richmond gain a free-kick twenty-seven yards from goal. Richie Cardozo hit the dead ball a foot over the crossbar. A minute later Heidelberg were down to ten men, after Tony Ouliaris remonstrated with Dimitri Tsiaras after a solid tackle and then headbutted his opponent.

Michael Catalano earned a corner after a run down the left after six minutes. Goutzioulis laid the ball back to Catalano after the corner kick, the shot from twenty-five yards flting wide of the post. Five minutes later Heidelberg were threatening a goal after a throw in near the corner flag. Daniel Jones laid off the ball for Saso Aleksovski to strike, Stuart Webster doing well to save and then let-off when Gasparis hit the rebound into the side netting.

Graham Hockless put in a cross to the near post which was blocked for a corner as Mark Tsiorlas challenged for it after seventeen minutes. Richie Cardozo became the target of a few wild kicks when he fell over the top of the ball when putting in a tackle in the middle of the park. Heidelberg were not being deterred by being a man down, and a brilliant ball from Hockless after twenty minutes played Gasparis into plenty of space on the left. Richmond captain Stuart McCluskey recovered from being impeded in his initial chase to put in a goal saving tackle deep in the box as Gasparis lined up his shot.

Two minutes later a flick out by Marco Kuck allowed Shane Rexhepi to get a cross into the box, a heavy touch from Catalano seeing the ball bounce to high for him as he tried bringing it down near the penalty spot and it was hurriedly cleared away by Heidelberg. Noel Bahnsen made an overlapping run into the box four minutes later, winning a corner. Richie Cardozo sent the ball to the far post where Kuck headed it down for Bahnsen, who shot at Peter Gavalas from eight yards.

Eric Vassiliadis forced another good save from Webster in the thirty-fourth minute. Richmond were failing to capitalise on their numerical advantage, though both sides would have being rueing missed opportunities as they entered the dressing rooms for the half-time break still level at 0-0.

The Eagles began the second half in a more promising manner, Jesse Krncevic scuffing a shot wide after Bahnsen played the ball into the box following his long throw was cleared back to him. In the fifty-first minute they went the closest either side had come to scoring when Richie Cardozo hit the crossbar. Pablo Cardozo had won the ball just over the halfway line and found Krncevic who squeezed a ball out to Richie Cardozo on his right. The younger Cardozo took the ball to the edge of the box and fired a shot which beat Gavalas but came back off the bar, the elder Cardozo picking up the rebound but having his shot blocked.

Two minutes later a ball from Goutzioulis over the top of the defence found Pablo Cardozo on the right. The league's leading marksman for the season shot across the face of goal from a tight angle. Gavalas later punched away a Rexhepi cross at his near post, as Heidelberg weathered the storm. On the hour mark they went close themselves, a cross from Jim Drossos seeing Aleksovski shoot over the bar.

Goutzioulis made a driving run forward in the sixty-eighth minute, chesting the ball down when bursting between opponents and launching a volley from thirty-five yards which produced a great effort from Gavalas to tip over the bar.

The drama intensified in the seventieth minute. Despite waving away appeals after Jimmy Latinopoulos tackled Denis Alilovic in the box, referee Senko Rastocic was presuaded to consult with his assistant half a minute after the incident. The result was that Heidelberg were awarded a penalty, which Hockless coolly converted to give them the lead.

With just five minutes remaining Goutzioulis lasted a free-kick well over the bar. Vassiliadis headed away a shot from Pablo Cardozo. Gasparis chipped a shot straight to Webster after a great pass from Vassiliadis. Richie Cardozo went down in the penalty area but play was waved on. Coming out for a long ball forward Gavalas bowled over both a team-mate and Nick Kalambokis, missing the ball completely. Kalambokis gathered the ball but shot over the unguarded goal from the edge of the box.

Three minutes into stoppage time Alilovic picked up the ball on the halfway line as Heidelberg countered. He rode a challenge and headed for goal, moving to the right and placing the ball beyond Webster and just inside the far post from sixteen yards to put Heidelberg 2-0 up. More time was added on as the Heidelberg bench and supporters invaded the pitch. When play eventually resumed Richmond pushed forward immediately and a handball by Alilovic saw the Eagles awarded a penalty.

Pablo Cardozo stepped up and converted the spot kick, but it was too little too late for Richmond as the final whistle blew with Heidelberg triumphant 2-1 victors. Richmond finish the season in fifth, a best ever placing for the club from Kevin Bartlett Reserve. Heidelberg move on to the second week of the finals and a Minor Semi Final against the loser of the Green Gully v Melbourne Knights encounter.

Heidelberg: P.Gavalas, E.Vassiliadis, J.Stefanou, J.Drossos, D.Jones, S.Aleksovski (P.Roberts 70'), G.Hockless, T.Ouliaris, M.Gasparis (T.Paton 90'), D.Alilovic, M.Tsiorlas (J.Groenewald 62').

Goals: Hockless 79' Alilovic 93'

Yellow Cards: Vassiliadis 85', Gasparis 86'.
Red Card: Ouliaris 4'

Richmond: S.Webster, S.Rexhepi, S.McCluskey, D.Tsiaras, J.Krncevic, G.Goutzioulis, R.Cardozo, P.Cardozo, M.Catalano (N.Kalambokis 72'), N.Bahnsen (J.Latinopoulos 72'), M.Kuck.

Goal: P.Cardozo 95'

Yellow Cards: McCluskey 76', Goutzioulis 73', R.Cardozo 11', Bahnsen 64'.
Red Cards: None

Man of the Match:
Eric Vassiliadis (Heidelberg United)

Venue: John Cain Reserve
Crowd: 900

By Mark Boric

Photos by John Punshon

Jubilant scenes at John Cain Memorial Park as a ten man Bergers hold their nerve to eliminate the Richmond Eagles from the title race.

ROUND TWENTY-ONE

GEORGIES UP!

Title Still Up For Grabs, Promotion Spots Sorted

Finally, it is official. The Sunshine Georgies will be returning to the Foxtel Cup in 2009, along with the Dandenong Thunder, with both teams confirming their long-awaited promotions with comprehensive victories which highlighted their positions as the two premier sides of the league.

Sunshine ensured their return to the Foxtel Cup was a swift one with a 4-1 defeat of Bentleigh at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday afternoon. George Papadopoulos opened the scoring early in the first half to settle any nerves against the fifth-placed Greens, before Wayne Wallace soon doubled the Georgies' lead. After half time, Bentleigh were on the attack, and were rewarded with a goal to Marcelo Pena. However, this was not enough as the Georgies sprung back to life, scoring twice more through Peter Koutsoupias and Nick Harrhy to put the crucial three points beyond doubt.

Dandenong, conversely, were given an almighty scare by the Springvale White Eagles before the Thunder eventually recovered to prevail 5-1 at the Serbian Sports Centre yesterday. A first half own goal to the White Eagles gave them a shock advantage which they maintained until half time, when Dandenong; with their promotion hopes on the line, equalised through Marcus Stergiopoulos. With the floodgates opened, the Thunder took advantage to hit back with an own goal of their own, while Ibraim Ibraimi and Alfonso Opazo also scored, before Stergiopolous capped off the win with his second goal.

The previous day at Ross Reserve, the Bulleen Royals backed up from their 7-1 demolition of Westgate to extinguish the flickering promotion hopes of the Southern Stars with a 1-0 victory. In a tight fought encounter between the two promotion-aspirants, it was the Royals who began the better of the two teams. They took the lead midway through the first half as league leading goalscorer Saso Becvinovski found the back of the net for the sixteenth time this season. Bulleen protected their lead with all the defensive pressure they could muster, repelling wave after wave of the Stars' many attacking forays, to emerge with the three points.

At the other end of the table, Langwarrin have managed to win their second consecutive match against the bottom-placed Kingston City at The Grange Reserve on Friday night. In a somewhat routine win for the visitors, goals either side of half time to Caleb Nicholes and Jaime-Lee O'Donoghue secured the victory which importantly has made it almost impossible for the now-eighth placed Langwarrin.

In the clash between two sides likely to be relegated though, Westgate have kept alive their aim to avoid the drop with a 2-0 defeat of the eleventh-placed Keilor Park at Ardeer Reserve on Saturday night. With no goals scored up to half time, the attacking changes came during the break for both sides, although, it was Westgate which reaped the benefits, with Joseph De Bono opening the scoring, before Robert Trajanovski sealed the win with his team's second goal. To avoid relegation, Westgate must defeat Langwarrin next weekend, and rely on Springvale falling to Bulleen.

Meanwhile, yesterday's mid-table clash between St Albans and FC Clifton Hill at Churchill Reserve has resulted in a 2-0 victory for the Saints. In doing just enough to secure the win, the home side scored goals either side of half time through Ivan Filipovic, who takes his season tally to six. While the win sees St Albans jump Clifton Hill into sixth place, ultimately the match bore no great consequences for either team, with both sides to be playing in the State League Division One next season.

By Jeremy O'Neill

Photo by John Punshon

Sunshine Georgies are guaranteed promotion back to the Foxtel Cup at its first attempt under coach Andy O'Dell.

The Georgies were always on target and showed great poise this year. Get your copy of a Sunshine Georgie poster in next week's GW.

SL1 ROUND 21 RESULTS

Kingston City 0 Langwarrin 2 (C Nicholes J O'Donoghue), Sunshine Georgies 4 (G Papadopoulos WM Wallace P Koutsoupias N Harrhy) Bentleigh Greens 1 (M Pena), Southern Stars 0 Bulleen Royals 1 (S Becvinovski), Westgate 2 (J De Bono R Trajanovski) Keilor Park 0, Springvale White Eagles 1 (Own Goal) Dandenong Thunder 5 (I Ibraimi M Stergiopoulos 2 A Opazo Own Goal), St Albans Saints 2 (I Filipovic 2) FC Clifton Hill 0

SL1 STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Georgies	21	15	3	3	38	13	48
Dandenong Thunder	21	13	6	2	48	18	45
Bulleen Royals	21	11	7	3	50	22	40
Southern Stars	21	12	3	6	33	26	39
Bentleigh Greens	21	9	6	6	32	27	33
St Albans Saints	21	8	4	9	28	32	28
FC Clifton Hill	21	7	5	9	26	39	26
Langwarrin	21	6	4	11	23	27	22
Springvale White Eagles	21	5	6	10	25	34	21
Westgate	21	4	7	10	22	34	19
Keilor Park	21	4	4	13	18	43	16
Kingston City	21	4	1	16	20	48	13

TOP SCORERS

Becvinovski (Royals)	**9** games	**13** goals
Davidson (Thunder)	**8**	**11**
Nicholes (Langwarrin)	**7**	**11**
Di Iorio (Thunder)	**7**	**9**
Doganay (Stars)	**6**	**9**

RD 22 - FINAL ROUND

Langwarrin v Westgate
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 6 Sep KO 3:00PM

Keilor Park v Southern Stars
Keilor Park Reserve
Sat 6 Sep KO 3:00PM

Bulleen Royals v Springvale WE
Veneto Social Club
Sat 6 Sep KO 3:00PM

Dandenong Thunder v St Albans
George Andrews Reserve
Sat 6 Sep KO 3:00PM

FC Clifton Hill v Sunshine Georgies
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 6 Sep KO 3:00PM

Bentleigh Greens v Kingston City
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Sat 6 Sep KO 3:00PM

RESERVES RESULTS

Kingston City 0 Langwarrin 6, Sunshine Georgies 2 Bentleigh Greens 0, Southern Stars 3 Bulleen Royals 1, Westgate 1 Keilor Park 3, Springvale White Eagles 2 Dandenong Thunder 0, St Albans Saints 2 FC Clifton Hill 1

RESERVES STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	21	17	0	4	69	29	51
Langwarrin	21	14	3	4	60	27	45
Keilor Park	21	13	5	3	58	30	44
Bulleen Royals	21	13	2	6	50	23	41
FC Clifton Hill	21	11	3	7	50	37	36
Southern Stars	20	8	6	6	43	41	30
Sunshine Georgies	21	7	8	6	37	27	28
Springvale White Eagles	21	4	5	12	29	57	17
Westgate	21	5	2	14	25	60	17
St Albans Saints	21	3	7	11	36	53	15
Dandenong Thunder	20	4	2	14	39	60	14
Kingston City	21	3	3	15	29	81	12

Seniors — NORTH WEST 2 — Reserves

Cairnlea North Geelong Warriors , Ballarat Red Devils 2 (AB Lymn F Labakohler) Maribyrnong Greens 1 (H Topal), Altona City 1 (T Saric) Thomastown Devils 0, Moreland City 0 Williamstown 3 (D Vasic 2 D Nikolic), Brunswick City 1 (C Gonullu) Altona East Phoenix 1 (B Lojanica), Werribee City 0 Pascoe Vale 1 (DA Genovesi)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	21	12	9	0	25	7	45
Werribee City	21	12	4	5	35	20	40
Altona East Phoenix	21	11	6	4	30	15	39
North Geelong Warriors	20	10	6	4	32	15	36
Brunswick City	21	8	7	6	23	18	31
Ballarat Red Devils	21	8	7	6	30	33	31
Thomastown Devils	20	8	3	9	34	31	27
Williamstown	21	8	3	10	28	27	27
Altona City	21	7	5	9	18	30	26
Moreland City	20	3	7	10	22	31	16
Cairnlea	20	4	4	12	23	39	16
Maribyrnong Greens	21	1	3	17	16	50	6

Cairnlea 6 North Geelong Warriors 2, Ballarat Red Devils 6 Maribyrnong Greens 2, Altona City 1 Thomastown Devils 1, Moreland City 2 Williamstown 0, Brunswick City 0 Altona East Phoenix 0, Werribee City 2 Pascoe Vale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	20	17	1	2	64	24	52
Cairnlea	21	14	1	6	58	41	43
Thomastown Devils	20	12	5	3	47	30	41
Altona City	21	10	4	7	45	33	34
Werribee City	21	9	3	9	50	39	30
Brunswick City	21	9	3	9	39	37	30
North Geelong Warriors	21	8	2	11	41	42	26
Ballarat Red Devils	21	8	1	12	44	46	25
Williamstown	21	6	7	8	30	37	25
Pascoe Vale	21	7	1	13	31	39	22
Altona East Phoenix	21	5	5	11	26	38	20
Maribyrnong Greens	21	3	1	17	16	85	10

Seniors — SOUTH EAST 2 — Reserves

Port Melbourne 1 (O KHRAPKO) Doncaster Rovers 0, Peninsula Strikers 0 Knox City 6 (D Veljovic 4 J Hingert AJ Saunders), Chelsea 0 Casey Comets 1 (D Terek), South Springvale 3 (I Diniotis C Andronicou 2) Diamond Valley Utd 3 (DJ Kermanidis D Pistininzi K Simsek), Waverley Wanderers 0 Eastern Lions 6 (P McEvoy B Ziada RJ Wallace A Spina LK Swaine D Nash), Stonnington City 1 (J Manolis) Northcote City 2 (N Georgakopoulos T Papadopoulos)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	21	16	1	4	47	22	49
Knox City	21	13	3	5	44	19	42
Doncaster Rovers	21	11	6	4	44	22	39
Chelsea	21	11	2	8	33	29	35
Stonnington City	21	10	2	9	42	35	32
Diamond Valley Utd	21	9	5	7	35	39	32
South Springvale	21	8	6	7	30	27	30
Casey Comets	21	8	6	7	27	28	30
Eastern Lions	21	7	3	11	24	28	24
Port Melbourne	21	5	5	11	23	38	20
Peninsula Strikers	21	4	3	14	20	43	15
Waverley Wanderers	21	2	2	17	16	55	8

Port Melbourne 1 Doncaster Rovers 3, Peninsula Strikers 2 Knox City 2, Chelsea 2 Casey Comets 1, South Springvale 1 Diamond Valley Utd 5, Waverley Wanderers 0 Eastern Lions 4, Stonnington City 1 Northcote City 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	21	13	3	5	44	23	42
Knox City	21	11	8	2	38	21	41
Eastern Lions	21	12	2	7	46	31	38
Peninsula Strikers	21	11	4	6	39	24	37
Casey Comets	21	8	6	7	39	36	30
Northcote City	21	7	8	6	40	34	29
Chelsea	21	8	4	9	38	41	28
Waverley Wanderers	21	7	5	9	33	40	26
South Springvale	21	7	3	11	24	34	24
Stonnington City	21	5	5	11	29	46	20
Port Melbourne	21	4	7	10	28	46	19
Diamond Valley Utd	21	3	5	13	23	45	14

Seniors — NORTH WEST 3 — Reserves

Westvale 2 (S Habibovic 2) Geelong 0, Sydenham Park 1 (R Taleski) Yarraville Glory 0, Lalor Utd North Sunshine Eagles , Sunbury Utd 2 (V Kalayci D Gray) La Trobe University 3 (A De Luca C Clark 2), Lalor 0 Banyule City 0, Laverton Park 0 Geelong Rangers 3 (S Davison D McCallum J Blackburn)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geelong Rangers	21	11	7	3	49	30	40
Sydenham Park	21	10	8	3	37	20	38
Westvale	21	10	5	6	34	28	35
Banyule City	21	9	5	7	22	26	32
Geelong	21	8	6	7	41	29	30
Lalor	21	7	10	4	28	23	28
North Sunshine Eagles	20	7	6	7	31	32	27
Lalor Utd	20	7	6	7	28	31	27
La Trobe University	21	6	7	8	26	30	25
Yarraville Glory	21	6	7	8	23	29	25
Sunbury Utd	21	4	6	11	25	39	18
Laverton Park	21	2	3	16	16	43	9

Westvale 3 Geelong 2, Sydenham Park 2 Yarraville Glory 0, Lalor Utd 2 North Sunshine Eagles 1, Sunbury Utd 1 La Trobe University 2, Lalor 5 Banyule City 1, Laverton Park 1 Geelong Rangers 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geelong	21	16	2	3	60	22	50
La Trobe University	21	14	3	4	47	18	45
Sunbury Utd	21	11	5	5	42	18	38
Sydenham Park	20	11	5	4	45	32	38
Westvale	20	12	2	6	46	37	38
Lalor	20	9	3	8	49	30	27
North Sunshine Eagles	21	6	4	11	39	45	22
Banyule City	21	7	1	13	33	49	22
Geelong Rangers	21	5	4	12	40	49	19
Lalor Utd	21	6	1	14	27	48	19
Laverton Park	21	5	2	14	26	56	17
Yarraville Glory	20	5	2	13	22	72	17

Seniors — SOUTH EAST 3 — Reserves

Boroondara Eagles 2 (G Jones M De Filippo) Springvale City 3 (M Omerdic S Osmani 2), Heatherton Utd 1 (M Skenderovic) Berwick City 0, Endeavour Utd 1 (P Sequeira) Doveton 2 (L Buhic HA Reyes), Sandringham City 3 (T Fitzpatrick 2 PA McCluskey) Morwell Pegasus 1 (F Albanese), Croydon City Arrows 4 (J Videkanic D Latimer 2 S Jennens) Brandon Park 1 (S Ulas)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Morwell Pegasus	21	13	4	4	47	25	43
Heatherton Utd	21	13	3	5	39	29	42
Springvale City	21	10	3	8	28	31	33
Croydon City Arrows	21	8	5	8	30	22	29
Berwick City	21	8	5	8	32	31	29
Southern Suburbs	20	9	2	9	29	32	29
Sandringham City	21	8	4	9	40	34	28
Brandon Park	21	7	6	8	32	32	27
Doveton	21	7	5	9	34	49	26
North Caulfield	20	5	9	6	24	26	24
Boroondara Eagles	21	7	2	12	31	37	23
Endeavour Utd	21	3	6	12	22	40	15

Boroondara Eagles 3 Springvale City 0, Heatherton Utd 1 Berwick City 4, Endeavour Utd 3 Doveton 2, Sandringham City 1 Morwell Pegasus 1, Croydon City Arrows 1 Brandon Park 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	21	16	3	2	53	17	51
Boroondara Eagles	21	14	4	3	37	16	46
Croydon City Arrows	20	12	3	5	40	16	39
Berwick City	21	11	5	5	54	32	38
Endeavour Utd	21	12	0	9	40	36	36
North Caulfield	20	9	2	9	39	27	29
Brandon Park	21	8	4	9	38	32	28
Southern Suburbs	20	8	2	10	30	37	26
Morwell Pegasus	20	6	5	9	33	30	23
Doveton	21	5	7	9	26	32	22
Heatherton Utd	21	4	1	16	18	63	13
Springvale City	21	1	0	20	15	85	3

Seniors — PROVI 1 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Hume Utd 2 (AC Muscat WJ Sismanis) Western Eagles 0, Glenroy 1 (T Grgic) Plenty Valley Lions 0, Elwood City 4 (R Cunha S Hehir 3) Melbourne Tornado 1 (L Miocic), Avondale Heights 2 (G Di Marco 2) Corio 1 (B Leban), Melbourne City 1 (H Nunez) South Yarra 2 (S Crossan CN Maclean), Melbourne University Rangers 6 (M Bini AC Calthrop A Fjeld 3 FR Lamari) Whittlesea Utd 1 (A Uyanik)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hume Utd	21	14	5	2	49	18	47
Melbourne Uni Rangers	21	12	2	7	37	27	38
Glenroy	21	12	4	5	41	25	37
South Yarra	21	10	4	7	32	21	34
Whittlesea Utd	20	9	5	6	31	27	32
Corio	21	9	3	9	22	30	30
Elwood City	20	8	4	8	36	37	28
Western Eagles	21	7	5	9	36	32	26
Melbourne City	21	7	5	9	30	32	26
Plenty Valley Lions	21	7	2	12	31	39	23
Avondale Heights	21	5	5	11	29	33	20
Melbourne Tornado	21	2	2	17	21	74	8

Hume Utd 3 Western Eagles 1, Glenroy 1 Plenty Valley Lions 4, Elwood City 6 Melbourne Tornado 0, Avondale Heights 0 Corio 0, Melbourne City 0 South Yarra 2, Melbourne University Rangers 4 Whittlesea Utd 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Uni Rangers	21	17	2	2	55	10	53
South Yarra	21	17	2	2	53	18	53
Plenty Valley Lions	21	12	3	6	36	25	39
Avondale Heights	21	9	6	6	37	29	33
Hume Utd	20	7	6	7	38	35	27
Elwood City	20	7	3	10	35	37	24
Western Eagles	21	7	2	12	22	35	23
Corio	21	6	5	10	28	47	23
Melbourne City	21	6	4	11	24	30	22
Whittlesea Utd	20	6	3	11	21	35	21
Glenroy	20	7	2	11	28	39	20
Melbourne Tornado	21	4	0	17	21	58	12

Seniors — PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Rowville Eagles 0 Noble Park Utd 7 (M Zubovic 3 B Mijatovic 2 Z Seci 2), Scotch Old Boys 2 (C Jewitt) Mooroolbark 2, Nunawading City 2 (A Gjuni CK Stemn Jnr) Ashburton 0, Monash University 2 (J Bucedi R Nation) Fitzroy City 1 (S Peutherer), Monbulk 3 (C Cullimore S Carr D Adams) Old Melburnians 2 (M Pember M Leary), Warragul Utd 4 (S Beckett D Theodoros D Open MA Chaplin) White Star Dandenong 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park Utd	21	16	2	3	84	27	50
Nunawading City	21	15	4	2	59	17	49
Monbulk	21	14	4	3	60	20	46
Fitzroy City	21	12	3	6	62	32	39
Old Melburnians	21	9	5	7	49	34	32
Scotch Old Boys	21	9	4	8	37	30	31
Monash University	21	9	3	9	45	38	30
Mooroolbark	21	6	6	9	40	53	24
Warragul Utd	21	5	7	9	24	33	22
Ashburton	21	7	1	13	33	48	22
Rowville Eagles	21	3	1	17	21	90	10
White Star Dandenong	21	0	2	19	13	105	2

Rowville Eagles 0 Noble Park Utd 8, Scotch Old Boys 2 Mooroolbark 0, Nunawading City 0 Ashburton 1, Monash University 2 Fitzroy City 1, Monbulk 1 Old Melburnians 0, Warragul Utd 3 White Star Dandenong 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash University	21	16	2	3	62	19	50
Old Melburnians	21	12	3	6	42	27	39
Monbulk	21	11	4	6	40	22	37
Ashburton	21	11	3	7	33	30	36
Nunawading City	21	10	5	6	47	29	35
Scotch Old Boys	21	9	7	5	47	27	34
Fitzroy City	21	9	6	6	58	44	33
Warragul Utd	21	7	6	8	37	42	27
Noble Park Utd	21	6	4	11	52	49	22
Mooroolbark	21	6	4	11	29	42	22
Rowville Eagles	21	3	3	15	23	87	12
White Star Dandenong	21	1	3	17	14	66	6

Seniors — PROVI 2 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Hoppers Crossing 1 (NB Mladichek) Essendon Utd 3 (D Loschiavo J Cassar A Giordano), Hoppers Crossing 1 (K Sherzai) Brimbank City 4 (S Ekic A Smajic H Ikanovic 2), North City Lions 1 (R Nedelkov) Essendon Utd 2 (J Cassar 2), Keon Park 0 Northern Falcons 2 (H Stamatiadis A Le Page), Collingwood City 0 Moreland Utd 1 (A Napolitano), Melton 6 (JG Moody 2 D Traynor SM Borg JA Sobarzo) Darebin Utd 0, West Preston 2 (F Marin J Maragos) Bell Park 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Utd	21	15	5	1	44	12	50
North City Lions	21	12	5	4	49	28	41
Northern Falcons	21	11	5	5	46	17	38
Moreland Utd	21	11	5	5	41	27	38
Collingwood City	21	11	5	5	28	20	38
West Preston	21	11	2	8	41	35	35
Hoppers Crossing	21	7	4	10	24	35	25
Bell Park	21	7	3	11	31	35	24
Darebin Utd	21	7	2	12	27	45	23
Melton	21	6	2	13	34	42	20
Keon Park	21	4	6	11	23	38	18
Brimbank City	21	1	2	18	21	75	5

Hoppers Crossing 3 Brimbank City 3, North City Lions 1 Essendon Utd 2, Keon Park 2 Northern Falcons 1, Collingwood City 4 Moreland Utd 2, West Preston 3 Bell Park 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions	20	15	2	3	48	15	47
Essendon Utd	21	13	4	4	48	25	43
Collingwood City	21	11	5	5	40	28	38
Northern Falcons	21	11	3	7	52	38	36
Moreland Utd	21	8	5	8	42	51	29
Keon Park	21	7	6	8	35	34	27
West Preston	21	7	5	9	38	43	26
Melton	20	7	5	8	30	35	26
Hoppers Crossing	20	6	5	9	28	34	23
Bell Park	21	7	1	13	40	42	22
Brimbank City	21	5	4	12	32	58	19
Darebin Utd	20	3	3	14	28	58	12

Seniors — PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Whitehorse Utd 2 (K Tavrou 2) Dandenong Sparrows 2 (T Ithier 2), Riversdale 2 (B Christakakis D Begg) Old Trinity Grammarians 0, Caulfield Utd 1 (C Balkos) Old Camberwell Grammar 3 (P Margin D Hegazi G Loupos), Keysborough 5 (E Rodriguez M Roberts 2 M Smith G Roberts) Carrum Utd 1 (M Cordoma), Old Brighton Grammarians 2 (D Webb J Salvage) Mornington 2 (N Waite DJ Waite), Lyndale Utd 2 (P Hanna D King) Berwick Kings 2 (D Blanusa 2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Camberwell Grammar	21	12	5	4	44	26	41
Mornington	21	11	6	4	47	30	39
Riversdale	21	10	3	8	58	40	33
Whitehorse Utd	21	9	6	6	34	21	33
Lyndale Utd	20	10	1	9	39	39	31
Old Brighton Grammarians	21	8	5	8	39	46	29
Dandenong Sparrows	21	8	4	9	38	42	28
Caulfield Utd	21	8	2	11	36	44	26
Keysborough	21	6	6	9	34	35	24
Berwick Kings	20	7	3	10	24	38	24
Carrum Utd	21	6	4	11	32	44	22
Old Trinity Grammarians	21	6	3	12	26	46	21

Whitehorse Utd 1 Dandenong Sparrows 1, Riversdale 2 Old Trinity Grammarians 0, Caulfield Utd 1 Old Camberwell Grammar 3, Keysborough 2 Carrum Utd 1, Old Brighton Grammarians 1 Mornington 0, Lyndale Utd 3 Berwick Kings 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Riversdale	21	17	2	2	60	24	53
Caulfield Utd	21	14	0	7	63	32	42
Old Camberwell Grammar	21	12	3	6	47	24	39
Old Brighton Grammarians	21	12	0	9	47	40	36
Keysborough	21	9	3	9	46	36	30
Whitehorse Utd	21	9	3	9	32	27	30
Mornington	21	9	3	9	41	39	30
Lyndale Utd	21	8	4	9	38	38	28
Dandenong Sparrows	21	8	1	12	40	48	25
Old Trinity Grammarians	21	7	4	10	33	44	25
Carrum Utd	21	6	3	12	35	53	21
Berwick Kings	21	2	0	19	31	108	6

Seniors — PROVI 3 NORTH WEST — Reserves

Epping City 3 (G Trajanoski SS Papadopoulos N Filin) Dallas Eagles 0, Brimbank 4 (D Stankovski 2 N Petrovski 2) Moreland Wolves 2 (D Colella 2), Northern Utd 1 (S Barkho) Bundoora Utd 2 (NS Coyle D Guadagno), Watsonia Heights 3 (S Brown A Popovski OM Ali) Ascot Vale 2 (AA Samayoa AJ Lopez), Youth Utd 0 Brunswick Zebras 3 (I Najdi P Montagna BS Holod), Mill Park 1 (Z Taleb) Surf Coast 2 (J Taylor MB Jablonski)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Watsonia Heights	21	16	2	3	63	23	50
Epping City	21	15	3	3	47	15	48
Bundoora Utd	21	12	4	5	38	24	40
Brimbank	21	10	5	6	53	34	35
Surf Coast	21	9	5	7	31	34	32
Brunswick Zebras	21	8	5	8	38	37	29
Youth Utd	21	9	2	10	36	43	29
Ascot Vale	21	6	7	8	27	30	25
Mill Park	21	5	6	10	24	43	21
Northern Utd	21	4	4	13	21	47	16
Moreland Wolves	21	3	6	12	34	56	15
Dallas Eagles	21	2	5	14	15	41	8

Youth Utd 2 Watsonia Heights 1, Epping City 9 Dallas Eagles 4, Brimbank 6 Moreland Wolves 2, Northern Utd 1 Bundoora Utd 1, Watsonia Heights 3 Ascot Vale 0, Youth Utd 2 Brunswick Zebras 2, Mill Park 4 Surf Coast 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Epping City	21	19	2	0	89	13	59
Watsonia Heights	21	15	3	3	61	22	48
Brimbank	21	15	2	4	58	28	47
Youth Utd	21	11	2	8	60	43	35
Brunswick Zebras	21	9	5	7	45	36	32
Surf Coast	21	7	3	11	52	59	24
Ascot Vale	21	7	3	11	34	43	24
Bundoora Utd	21	6	4	11	38	50	22
Moreland Wolves	21	6	3	12	34	59	21
Northern Utd	21	4	6	11	31	62	18
Dallas Eagles	21	5	3	13	33	69	15
Mill Park	21	2	4	15	14	65	10

Seniors — PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST — Reserves

Dandenong City 2 (H Andrews K Hasanzada) Uni. of Melbourne 2 (M Owen 2), Beaumaris 6 (DA Gibson 2 B Shields 3 TF Cannon) Eltham North 4 (WJ Mulvey BW Mulcahy G Brookes 2), Noble Park 5 (G Banabakis 3 A Buhac 2) Endeavour Hills 1 (L L'EVEILLE), Bayside Argonauts 7 (C Kozaris 2 A Poberezovsky SS Pinirou E Cid 2 E(Rontoyannis) Keilor Wolves 3 (Z Mirceski D Panev 2), Seaford Utd 4 (N Allen M Curd 3) Dandenong Warriors 2 (P Allendes J Arokeum)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Carey	21	15	3	3	48	25	48
Beaumaris	21	14	3	4	51	27	45
Bayside Argonauts	21	13	3	5	54	28	42
Dandenong City	21	9	6	6	44	37	33
Seaford Utd	21	10	3	8	35	29	33
Keilor Wolves	21	9	4	8	49	52	31
Endeavour Hills	21	10	1	10	46	53	31
Noble Park	21	8	5	8	40	40	26
Brighton	21	7	0	14	46	60	21
Uni. of Melbourne	21	5	3	13	23	36	18
Dandenong Warriors	21	5	2	14	41	56	17
Eltham North	21	2	5	14	32	66	11

Dandenong City 1 Uni. of Melbourne 1, Beaumaris 5 Eltham North 1, Noble Park 0 Endeavour Hills 2, Bayside Argonauts 1 Keilor Wolves 1, Seaford Utd 1 Dandenong Warriors 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Carey	21	19	0	2	72	21	57
Beaumaris	20	15	2	3	73	30	47
Bayside Argonauts	20	15	2	3	65	28	47
Dandenong Warriors	19	11	2	6	57	32	35
Seaford Utd	21	8	8	5	59	41	32
Brighton	21	8	2	11	39	40	26
Uni. of Melbourne	21	7	3	11	39	49	24
Dandenong City	21	7	3	11	41	56	24
Endeavour Hills	21	7	1	13	35	68	22
Keilor Wolves	21	4	4	13	34	54	16
Eltham North	21	5	0	16	31	75	15
Noble Park	21	3	3	15	37	88	9

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RD 22 - FINAL FIXTURES

All matches to be played on Saturday 6th September with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

STATE NW 2
North Geelong Warriors v Brunswick City
Elcho Park
Altona East Phoenix v Moreland City
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Williamstown v Altona City
JT Gray Reserve
Thomastown Devils v Werribee City
Epping Soccer Stadium
Pascoe Vale v Ballarat Red Devils
Hosken Reserve
Maribyrnong Greens v Cairnlea
Skinner Reserve

STATE SE 2
Knox City v Waverley Wanderers
Egan Lee Reserve
Eastern Lions v Port Melbourne
Gardiners Creek Reserve
Doncaster Rovers v South Springvale
Anderson Park
Diamond Valley Utd v Stonnington City
Partington Flats
Northcote City v Chelsea
John Cain Memorial Park
Casey Comets v Peninsula Strikers
Comets Stadium

STATE NW 3
Geelong v Lalor
Stead Park Reserve
Banyule City v Sunbury Utd
Yallambie Park Reserve
La Trobe University v Lalor Utd
Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Fld
North Sunshine Eagles v Laverton Park
Larissa Reserve
Geelong Rangers v Sydenham Park
Myers Reserve
Yarraville Glory v Westvale
McIvor Reserve

STATE SE 3
Boroondara Eagles v Croydon City Arrows
Macleay Park
Brandon Park v Sandringham City
Freeway Reserve
Morwell Pegasus v Endeavour Utd
Ronald Reserve
Southern Suburbs v Heatherton Utd
Keeley Park
Springvale City v Berwick City
Ross Reserve
Doveton v North Caulfield
Waratah Reserve Sun 7 Sep 08 3:00PM

PROVI NW 1
Western Eagles v Melbourne City
Polish Sports & Rec. Centre
South Yarra v Avondale Heights
Fawkner Park
Corio v Elwood City
Hume Reserve
Melbourne Tornado v Melbourne Uni Rangers
Newmarket Reserve
Whittlesea Utd v Glenroy
Harvest Home Reserve
Plenty Valley Lions v Hume Utd
Bundoora Park Pavilion

PROVI SE 1
Noble Park Utd v Monbulk
WJ Turner Reserve
Old Melburnians v Monash University
Robert Menzies Reserve
Fitzroy City v Nunawading City
Fairfield Park
Ashburton v Warragul Utd
DISC
White Star Dandenong v Scotch Old Boys
Greaves Reserve
Mooroolbark v Rowville Eagles
Esther Park Reserve

PROVI NW 2
Brimbank City v Melton
Arthur Beachley Reserve
Darebin Utd v Collingwood City
Mayer Park
Moreland Utd v Keon Park
Moomba Park Reserve
Northern Falcons v West Preston
Hayes Park
Bell Park v North City Lions
Bell Park Sports Club
Essendon Utd v Hoppers Crossing
Aberfeldie Park

PROVI SE 2
Dandenong Sparrows v Old Brighton Gramm
Fotheringham Reserve
Mornington v Keysborough
Dallas Brooks Park
Carrum Utd v Caulfield Utd
Italo-Australian Club
Old Camberwell Grammar v Lyndale Utd
Deepdene Park
Berwick Kings v Riversdale
Betula Park
Old Trinity Grammarians v Whitehorse Utd
Trinity Sports Ground

PROVI NW 3
Youth Utd v Dallas Eagles
Seth Raistrick Reserve
Brunswick Zebras v Watsonia Heights
Balfe Park
Ascot Vale v Northern Utd
Fairbairn Park
Bundoora Utd v Mill Park Hills
Recreation Reserve
Surf Coast v Brimbank
Quay Reserve
Moreland Wolves v Epping City
Rayner Reserve

PROVI SE 3
Old Carey v Bayside Argonauts
Carey Sports Complex Wilcox Field
Keilor Wolves v Noble Park
Green Gully Reserve No.4
Endeavour Hills v Beaumaris
Power Reserve
Eltham North v Seaford Utd
Eltham North Reserve
Dandenong Warriors v Dandenong City
Lois Twohig Reserve
Brighton v Uni. of Melbourne
Dendy Park

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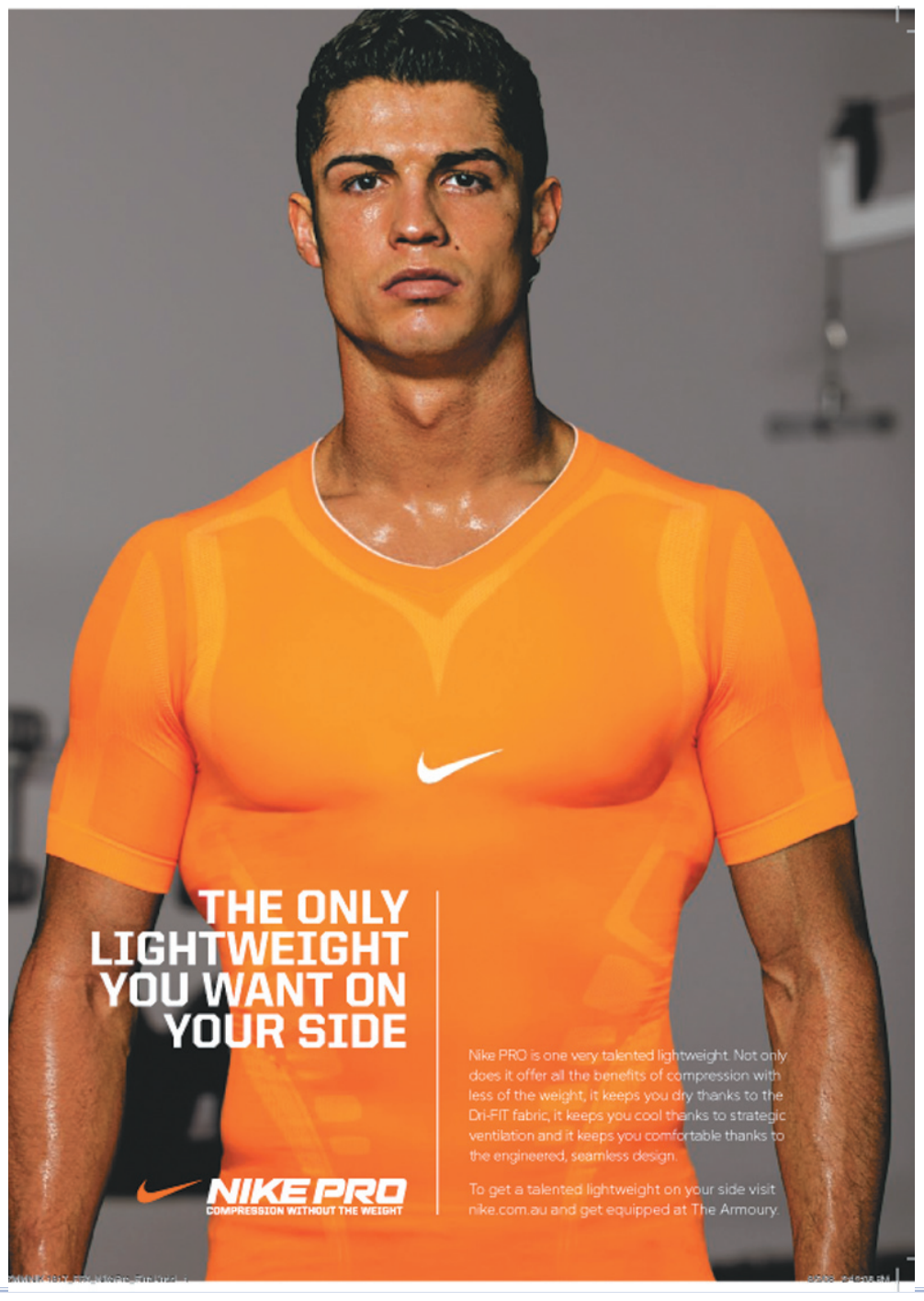
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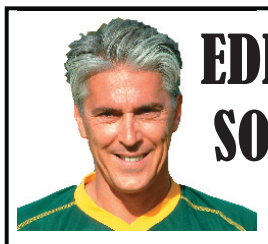

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NORTH GEELONG 1992

GIANTKILLING WARRIORS

From North Geelong To The World Stage

As the finals of the Foxtel Cup get under way in 2008, there is no chance of a repeat of North Geelong's extraordinary performance in 1992.

North remains the only club to win the Premier League in its first season after promotion from the State League. North had an exceptional squad put together and coached by Branko Culina and backed by a determined committee led by Steve Horvat, senior, and Vinko Radojevic. North won the league by two points from Bulleen and Brunswick United Juventus, with Green Gully, Fawkner and Sunshine George Cross all within five points. So it was a tightly contested season.

Marijan Vunderl was in goal, with Robbie Cosic, David Cervinski, Steve Horvat, junior, Robert Palmaricciotti and Eddie Kuzman in defence. The sparkling midfield was led by Mark Wilson, Bogdan Bonk, George Karkaletsis with Joe Markovac as support. Up front Adrian Cervinski, Goran Georgievski and Robbie Markovac were devastating and Francis Awaratife made some striking appearances in the course of the year. Local talent, including Vinko Saric, Tom Trupkovic and keeper Slavko Banozic, provided excellent cover.

Juventus was the defending champion in 1992 and coach Billy Rogers tipped Fawkner to be the main danger to his team's attempt at back-to-back titles. North and Juventus had already met three times during the season for a win each and a draw. When they met in the major semi-final it was decided on penalties, with North coming out on top by five goals to four after a one-all score-line at the end of extra time. The Grand Final at Middle Park was deadlocked at one-all at the end of normal time after Adrian Cervinski's shot was blocked and George Karkaletsis fired in the rebound. Five minutes later Steve Smith headed in a Sean Lane corner kick to pull Juventus level. Three minutes into extra time Adrian Cervinski bamboozled Steve Marley and ran on to beat Peter Laumets with a brilliant individual goal. Cervinski then won back a ball in the attacking area and fed Karkaletsis who passed to Bonk and the Polish Rifle's cross was headed in by Robbie Markovac. Defender Robbie Cosic then combined with Bonk for the third goal in extra-time to give North a comprehensive 4–1 victory. David Cervinski won the medal for the player of the Grand Final. It was in 1993 that it became known as the Jimmy Rooney medal.

In his post-match interview, Branko Culina chided the Melbourne media for its failure to appreciate the talent of the North team, though I have to say that when I used to do Super Soccer Sunday on 3AK radio with Greg Blake, Peter Desira and Sebastian Italia, Greg used to call me Cyclops, the one-eyed North Geelong supporter. Even Greg predicted a North win in his grand final preview.

At the VSF awards night, Bogdan Bonk won the Gold Medal and Fausto de Amicis of Juventus took the Bill Fleming Medal. Sash Becvinovski, then with Green Gully, was the top scorer in the league and also the Under-21 player of the year. Branko Culina won the Andy Kun medal as well as coach of the year. Josip Skoko of North Geelong received the Weinstein medal as the junior player of the year en route to a career in Europe and with the Socceroos.

Of the victorious North squad of 1992, Steve Horvat went on to play for and captain the Socceroos, while both the Cervinskis had long careers at National Soccer League level and David played in six Grand Finals.

Words by Roy Hay

Photos sourced by Roy Hay

A great vintage. North Geelong celebrate after the 1992 Premier League triumph. Back row, left to right. Steve Horvat, senior, Joe Madunic, Frank Simovic, Steve Horvat, junior, Vinko Saric, Robbie Cosic, Goran Georgievski, Joe Markovac, Robbie Markovac, Adrian Cervinski. Front row: Bogdan Bonk, Slavko Banozic, George Karkaletsis, David Cervinski, Edde Kuzman, Marijan Vunderl, Mark Wilson, Robert Palmaricciotti. Photo: John Punshon

1992 FINALS SERIES

Elimination Final: Fawkner (Sam Emmanuele, Damir Gnjidic, Steve Gojevic) 3 Green Gully (Derek Hunter) 1.
Qualifying Final: Brunswick United Juventus (Dale White, Paul Della Rocca, Robbie Ferla) 3 Bulleen (Stan Thodis, Con Pappas) 2.
Minor Semi-Final: Bulleen (Stan Thodis) 1 Fawkner 0, after extra-time.
Major Semi-Final: North Geelong (Goran Georgievski) 1 Brunswick United Juventus (Steve Smith) 1, North won 5–4 on penalties.
Preliminary Final: Brunswick United Juventus (Steve Smith, Dale White) 2 Bulleen (Anthony Grbac) 1.
Grand Final: North Geelong (Adrian Cervinski 2, George Karkaletsis, Robbie Cosic) 4 Brunswick United Juventus (Steve Smith) 1, after extra time. Attendance 6,400.

1992 FINAL STANDINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
North Geelong	26	12	11	3	45	23	35	22
Bulleen	26	13	7	6	39	21	33	18
B U Juventus	26	11	11	4	35	25	33	10
Green Gully	26	10	12	4	51	25	32	26
Fawkner	26	13	5	8	30	27	31	3
S S G X	26	10	10	6	38	31	30	7
Albion	26	13	3	10	35	34	29	1
Morwell Falcons	26	9	10	7	38	30	28	8
Thomastown	26	10	7	9	31	34	27	-3
St Albans	26	8	6	12	29	32	22	-3
Altona Gate	26	6	8	12	30	34	20	-4
Croydon City	26	4	9	13	30	49	17	-19
Knox City	26	5	6	15	27	49	16	-22
Oakleigh	26	4	3	19	22	66	11	-44

Bogdan Bonk receives the 1992 Gold Medal from John Hewson. Source: VSF Yearbook 1993.

Victorious North Geelong captain, Steve Horvat, with the '92 trophy. He was 21 when they won the championship, having already played in the NSL as an 18 and 19 year old, and before going on to play for the national team. Photo: John Punshon

FINALS - WEEK ONE

BERGERS PREVAIL ON PENS

Lions Fairytale Continues

Preston Lions will face minor premier Box Hill Inter while Heidelberg United takes on Ashburton next week after an exciting first weekend of Women¹s Premier League finals action.

The Lions advanced after a hard fought 1-0 win over Ashburton in their qualifying final at DISC on Sunday.

In cold and blustery conditions Preston had much the better of the first half but had nothing to show for its effort at the break with scores locked at nil-all.

Ashburton stepped up the tempo in the second stanza, setting up camp in the Preston¹s half.

But a lack of cutting edge in attack from a team robbed of its two most prolific goalscorers in recent seasons Annabelle Gibney and Seyma Erenli kept the door open for the Lions to snatch a late winner on the break.

And that¹s exactly what they did, Peta Lipec breaking clear less than 10 minutes from time and slotting coolly past a diving Antoinette Michail.

Ashburton, 4-1 winners over the Lions less than a month ago, became yet another big name scalp in what is shaping up as an outstanding season for the Lions.

Preston will take plenty of confidence into its match with Box Hill next weekend not least because it despatched Inter 2-1 at their most recent meeting.

Ashburton, meanwhile, has one more chance to keep its season alive when it faces defending champion Heidelberg, which scraped through its elimination final against Eltham North after a nailbiting penalty shootout.

The Bergers had taken the lead barely 2 minutes into the contest when Belinda Pannella slotted home from close range.

And they looked the better side for large parts of the contest, despite Eltham¹s forward pairing of Enza Barilla and Deanna Niceski proving a handful at times.

Barilla went close to levelling moments before half time when she fired a shot against the crossbar but Heidelberg went into the break deserving of its lead.

After the break, both coaches withdrew midfielders for forwards Heidelberg looking for a second goal to secure the win and Eltham chasing a lifeline.

And the move paid dividends for Eltham when, with only minutes remaining, Niceski forced a save from Heidelberg¹s Angela Vidic and Barilla was on hand at the top of the area to collect the loose ball and bury it in the back of the net.

Sarah Groenewald almost claimed the winner for Heidelberg in the first period of extra time when she shook off her marker at the top of the penalty area but her well timed strike cannoned back off the crossbar.

With the prospect of penalties looming, the best chance in extra time fell to Eltham¹s Niceski, who really should have done better after she¹d beaten the offside trap to collect goalkeeper Nicole Paul¹s long punt forward.

One-on-one with the keeper, Niceski looked for the nutmeg but Vidic was up to the challenge and blocked to keep her side in the contest.

And in the penalty shootout it was the experience of Heidelberg that won the day.

After Katrina Smith had skied Eltham¹s first spot-kick, each side converted their next four spot-kicks truly.

The task of sealing the win fell to ex-Eltham forward Julia Nicolaci, who was cool under pressure to send the Heidelberg crowd into raptures and book a date with Ashburton next week in yet another cut-throat final.

By George Egonidis

Photos by John Punshon

WPL FINALS RESULTS

Elimination Final
Heidelberg Utd 1 (B Pannella)
Eltham North 1 (E Barilla)
Heidelberg Utd wins 5-4 after penalties

Qualifying Final
Ashburton 0
Preston Lions 1 (P Lipec)

FINALS FIXTURES

Major Semi-Final
Box Hill v Preston Lions
KO 3pm Sun 7 Sep
(Winner of Major Semi-Final advances to Grand Final, loser proceeds to Preliminary Final)

Minor Semi-Final
Ashburton v Heidelberg United
KO 12pm Sat 6 Aug
Olympic Village
(Winner of Minor Semi-Final advances to Preliminary Final, loser is eliminated)

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Preston keeper Nabby Saliba gets a hand to the ball as Ashburton's Paola Bernini gets her head to it. Christine Pfeiffer (14) awaits the outcome

Eltham North captain Katrina Smith ins the header against Heidelberg's Chrissie Baxendale

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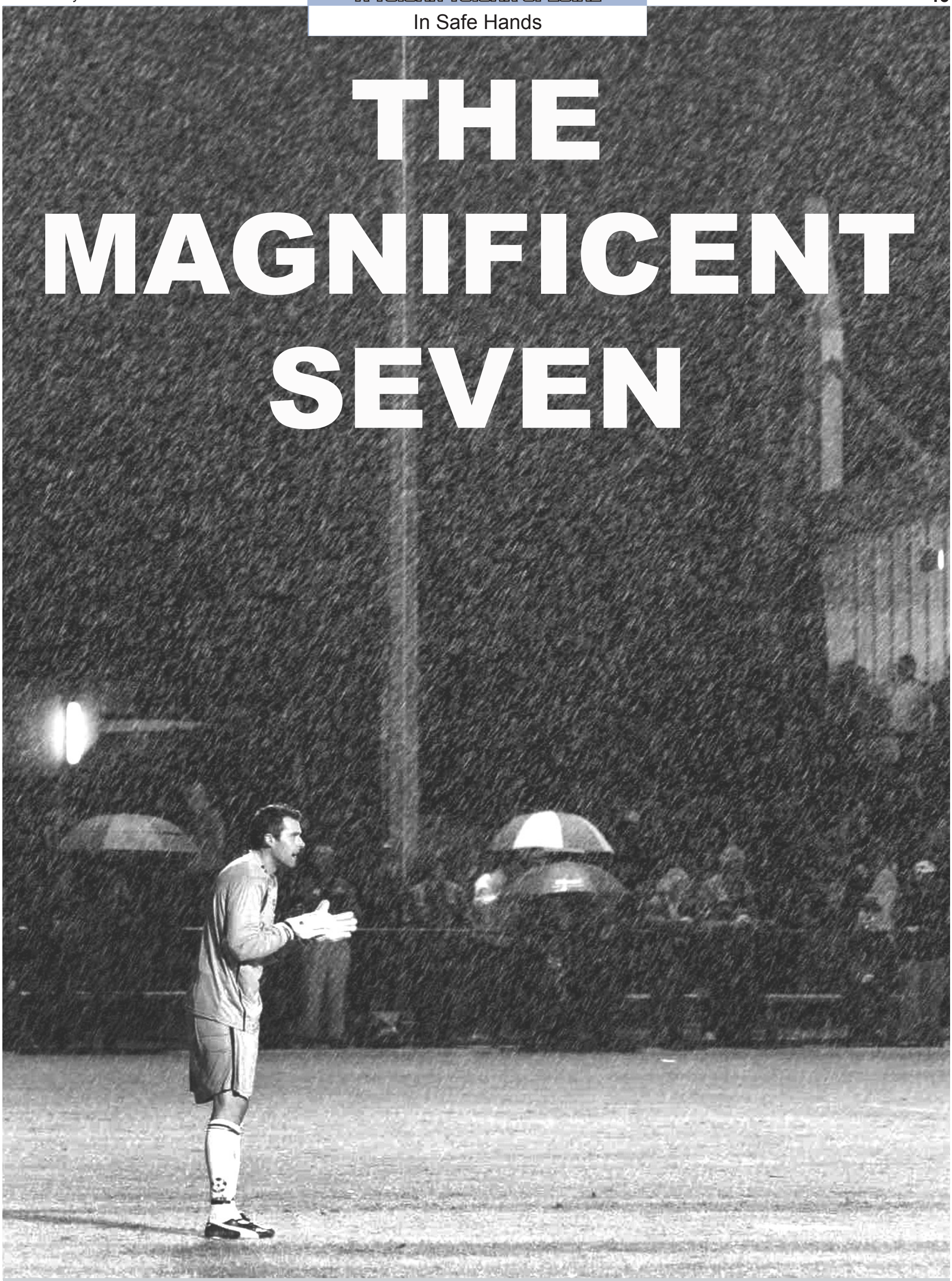

NAME: Adrian Cagalj
NICKNAME: “Chugga”
D.O.B: 16/02/76
HEIGHT: 190cm, 6”3
WEIGHT: 85kg
CLUB: Oakleigh Cannons
OCCUPATION: Personal Trainer
MENTOR: Father always taught me to stay positive.

MAGIC MOMENT: 2002, coming on at half time for Burnley FC against a full strength Everton side, a week before they started the Premier League season, and taking on and getting past Tom Razidcki after a poor back pass. Bryan Robson came up to me after the game, shook my hand and said “ Well played, son.” That was pretty special.
BEST SAVE: Playing for Carlton SC against Marconi at their ground. Chad Gibson hammered a shot which I tipped onto the crossbar, and as it came back, Francis Awaratife lunged with a diving header to bury the rebound. Somehow I managed to dive again at full stretch to my left and knock it away. Kept the score at 0-0. We pinched a late goal to come away 1-0 victors.

In Safe Hands

Ladies and gentlemen, here is a compilation of whom I believe are the goalkeepers of yesterday, today and tomorrow.
In a Tsigan Tsigar bonanza special we spend some time with my Magnificent Seven.
You may agree to disagree, but that is your problemo not meino. Do something about green house gases and leave the juxtoposition on the ghosts between the post to me.

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DA: Dean Anastasidis
LA: : Louie Acevski
SF: Sam Frangos
SW: Stuart Webster
ST: Steven Tilovski
NR: Nikola Roganovic
AC: Adrian Cagalj

How do you combat fears or a weakness in a game? (Could be your own, or another players, a team collective maybe?)

DA: Try to rely on past experiences when things are not going too well and how I or the team pulled through them.
LA: There is only one way of combating fears or a weakness in your game and that is simply by training harder on the training ground. It takes many hours, days, months and years to improve certain flaws in your game but you can be sure that all that hard work will pay off in the long run.
SF: By thinking positive and not really worrying about outcome of senario or game's result.
SW: Don't have any fears or weaknesses...
ST: You can't fear making mistakes in football (especially as a goalkeeper). We are under more scrutiny than any other player so you just have to focus on the next passage of play and make sure you don't let your teammates down.
All good athletes make mistakes; the great ones learn to make that mistake only once.
NR: Just try to stay as relaxed as possible at all times.
AC: Myself. Can't do much more with what I have. I've exploited my body and talent to the fullest.

What are a goalkeeper's BEST attributes?

DA: Clean hands, dominance, vocal and confident.
LA: Confidence !!!! But this only comes with all that hard work you put in during the week. When a goalkeeper has confidence, he feels unbeatable. This is when goalkeeper's make that save that looked impossible. Mental strength plays a major part in the success of any individual.
SF: Communication and the ability to command your defence with respect.
SW: Talking and organisation as well as commanding your area.
ST: Arms, hands and fingers
NR: In the modern game a keeper has to be something of an outfield player as well, reading the play, leaving the penalty area when he has to, and then leaving or passing to a colleague.But the basics haven't changed that much, and being the back player he can direct his defence in front of him from a good vantage position. he also needs to be physically strong, he needs to have quick reactions, agility, a good fitness level, stamina is important, courage and a great concentration level
AC: Level headed, inspiration to teammates, must be able to lead.

Stress the importance of a goalkeeper in a team.

DA: Most important player in a team. Period.
LA: A goalkeeper can bring a team up to 15 points a season or lose them 15 points a season depending on how good the goalkeeper is. Every successful team in the world has a goalkeeper that wins them games and installs confidence throughout the whole team. When a goalkeeper is struggling, the team psychologically drops and anticipates conceding soft goals. In saying that, the position of a goalkeeper, is the most important position on the soccer field.
SF: A "good" goalkeeper is half a team.
SW: No team can do without a goalkeeper.
ST: Does a house stand up with no walls? Does a car run with no petrol? Does an Aeroplane fly with no wings? Say no more……..
NR: The goal keeper can be the most important player in the game. They can be the single force that saves or loses the game!
AC: Can hinder or uplift. Amounts to at least half the team. Between a team winning a Championship, or getting relegated, stands a Goalkeeper.

Hardest/most difficult opponent EVER faced...ie: NEMESIS

DA: Three come to mind…Boutsianis, Lozanovski and Mori.
LA: Every team or player you play against, will always make life difficult for you but I must say that I am my own most difficult opponent ! When I have conceded goals that I know I should have saved, this really gets to me.
SF: Warren Spink & Nick Tsaltas.
SW: The Latino Machino Juan Nilo from Oakleigh, He always seems to score against me.
ST: Sash Becvinovski, I think the size of his jaw used to put me off! Great player though!!!!!!!
NR: Ricky Diaco, Kruno Stanisic
AC: Con Boutsianis had a knack of scoring against me earlier on in my career. Towards the latter part, I reckon the tide changed.

What are your goalkeeping goals/ intentions?

DA: I have been fortunate to have met them.
LA: After realising my dream of playing professionally in Europe, I am now focusing on passing on all the knowledge and tips I learnt throughout the years to young goalkeepers who want to learn and improve their goalkeeping qualities. Sam Frangos and I are in the midst of starting a goalkeeping academy called "Goalkeeper's Australia". We are aiming to be the most professional academy for Goalkeeper's in Victoria and giving back to grass roots what we were taught throughout our careers.
SF: To establish the best goalkeeping academy in Australia.
SW: Hope it's not too late to have a crack at the A league / Become a goalkeeping coach.
ST: To contribute to team and do my job with little fan fare, drums, trumpets or trombones.
NR: To stay as healthy as possible and play at the highest level as possible.
AC: To keep enjoying the game, or playing in the game for as long as possible. Would like to win a VPL title.

What role do politics play in football?

DA: Politics are rife in all football codes and levels. When you're young you don't care about it or are oblivious to it, then as you get older you can't help be embroiled in it. Be diplomatic, that's my advice.
LA: Politics and football should be exactly that, two separate identities. There is no place for politics in football or sport in general, the time and passion that coaches, players, club administrators and supporters put into the game and then because of a few individuals, this hurts the reputation of the game that everybody loves, FOOTBALL.
SF: Being the age I am and seeing a lot in football, a huge part now days.
SW: I think politics plays a big role in football at certain clubs, especially when the club has spent a lot of wages on players and the team is expected to do well or win championships, and players start not performing or doing well, the club then looks to sign newer better players. There are people on committees at clubs that pull the strings, sign players and release players. I know I have played at one.
ST: No comment...
NR: Don't like politics!
AC: From family to friends you can't avoid politics. In sports its unavoidable, you may well say that its a necessary evil. You have to learn to give and take, so it goes both ways but that's something you learn only from experience.

When was your first senior game, and describe its buzz. Has it changed since then?

FULL NAME: Lupce Acevski
NICKNAME: N/A
D.O.B: 14/11/1977
HEIGHT: 183 cms
WEIGHT: 88 kgs
CURRENT CLUB: Preston Lions S.C
OCCUPATION: Reece – Account Specialist
MENTOR: I have had a number of coaches that have played their part in helping me in some way or form but John Sideris would be the most influential mentor I have ever worked with. John and I worked together for 3 years and he got the best out of me week in, week out.
MAGIC MOMENT: Signing a professional contract in the Czech Republic and playing against Sparta Prague and Slavia Prague.
BEST SAVE: There is no specific save that sticks out but definitely the saves that win games for your team stay with you for a long time.

FULL NAME: Dean Anastasiadis
NICKNAME: Deano
D.O.B: 6th June 1970
HEIGHT: 6' 2"
WEIGHT: 92kg
CURRENT CLUB:South Melbourne
OCCUPATION: Manager/Soccer player
MENTOR: Many icluding Dad, brother Sitheris
MAGIC MOMENT: 2 Championships
BEST SAVE: Carlton v Wollongong '98. Chiperfield header from a cross, bottom right hand corner, saved at full stretch after ball bounced on the way up.

QUEENSLAND ROAR

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CENTRAL COAST MARINERS

MARINERS OPEN SEASON ACCOUNT

Bosnich Completes Comeback

A trio of goals of the highest order have helped the Central Coast Mariners post their first win of the Hyundai A-League season, 4-2 against the Queensland Roar at Suncorp Stadium.

While much of the pre-match interest focused on comeback keeper Mark Bosnich, it was his teammates Matt Simon, Mile Jedinak and Dylan Macallister who ended up stealing the show.

Simon gave the Mariners a 1-0 advantage in the first half with a fine finish from an acute angle, while Jedinak put the visitors two goals up in the third minute of the second half with a rocket free kick.

Macllister, meanwhile, enjoyed a dream debut for the Mariners, scoring his side's third and fourth goals – the latter with an expertly taken right-foot curler into the top corner.

Bosnich, playing his first game for seven years, largely had a quiet evening at the other end of the field. But did play a big part in the second-half drama - beaten by Charlie Miller's deft free kick and then bringing down Massimo Murdocca to concede a penalty.

The spot kick was duly converted by Sergio van Dijk in the 73rd minute and reduced the deficit to 4-2, ensuring Lawrie McKinna's men enjoyed a nervous final 17 minutes.

The Roar pressed hard in hope of getting something out of the game. However, the Central Coast defence held firm for a well-deserved three points.

"We came to do a job - we felt as though we had been unlucky the last couple of weeks," Mariners coach Lawrie McKinna said.

"We thought we knew how they would play and I thought we shut them down pretty well. It goes on how many saves Mark Bosnich had to make and I think in the first half he only touched the ball once. They had a bit of ball but they didn't really create a lot.

"Overall coming to Queensland and winning 4-2, not many teams do that, especially after the way they played last week against Adelaide. It's a very hard trip."

"I thought we were pretty much on top in the first stanza until we conceded the goal," Queensland coach Frank Farina said.

"We killed ourselves - two terrible mistakes that were very unlike Liam (Reddy). We were behind the eightball from the first goal and for it to happen again within the 90 minutes was a killer.

"We gave away two very bad goals, had to chase the game and found it very difficult."

Just as was the case when the two sides met in the pre-season, the Roar went unrewarded for spending large portions of the first 45 minutes in Central Coast's half of the pitch.

The visitors looked content to soak up early pressure and generate opportunities on the counter-attack – a strategy that paid dividends when Simon scored brilliantly in the 31st minute.

Pedj Bojic robbed Charlie Miller wide on the left and his probing ball from just shy of half-way drew Roar keeper Liam Reddy out to the edge of his box.

Simon still had plenty to do, but he did it superbly, taking the ball round Reddy and Luke DeVere with his first touch and then rolling it home from an acute angle.

The Mariners were creating the better of the chances and Simon had Reddy on the move again in the 44th minute with a dangerous hooked right-foot ball across the box.

Bosnich had his first touch inside the opening 30 seconds but wasn't called into serious action until the 46th minute, when he came to claim a dangerous looking Miller free kick.

Roar's Craig Moore looks win the header as Mark Bosnich prepares in goal

That said, the former Manchester United, Chelsea and Aston Villa stopper would have had some work to do had the Roar enjoyed a little better fortune on its forays forward.

Miller found Michael Zullo with a delightful cutback in the 23rd minute, but the diminutive winger could not make decisive contact with his shot.

Van Dijk also had a good first-half chance, but his potentially goal-bound right-foot strike hit Central Coast bodies and bounced around the area like a pinball.

The Mariners suffered a major blow in the 12th minute when Ahmad Elrich left the field with what was suspected to be a season-ending knee injury.

By FFA

Photos by Lee McCormick

RESULTS - ROUND ONE

Friday 29 August 2008
Melbourne Victory 5 (Hernandez 40'; Thompson 46'; Allsopp 60'/63'; Brebner 91')
Newcastle Jets 0
Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Referee: Mark Shield
Crowd: 22,589

Melbourne Victory line-up: 1. Michael THEOKLITOS (gk), 2.Kevin MUSCAT (captain), 3.Michael THWAITE (10 Archie THOMPSON 24'), 7.Matthew KEMP, 9.Danny ALLSOPP, 11.NEY FABIANO, 12.Rodrigo VARGAS, 14.Billy CELESKI, 16.Carlos HERNANDEZ (8. Grant BREBNER 90'), 17.Jose Luis LOPEZ, 19.Evan BERGER.

Substitutes Not Used: 15. Tom PONDELJAK, 20. Mitchell LANGERAK (gk)

Yellow Cards: nil
Red Cards: nil

Newcastle Jets line-up: 1. Ante COVIC, 3. Jade NORTH (captain), 5. James HOLLAND, 6. Jesper HAKANSSON (15. Jason HOFFMAN 72'), 8. Matt THOMPSON (23. Edmundo ZURA 54'), 9. Joel GRIFFITHS, 10. Jin-Hyung SONG, 11. Tarek ELRICH, 12. Jobe WHEELHOUSE (18. Noel SPENCER 85'), 13. Adam D'APUZZO, 16. Ben KANTAROVSKI

Substitutes Not Used: 20. Ben KENNEDY (gk)

Yellow Cards: ELRICH (22'), HAKANSSON (68'). WHEELHOUSE (78')
Red Cards: nil

Saturday 30 August 2008
Adelaide United 3 (Pantelis 14'; Cristiano 48'/60')
Wellington Phoenix 0
Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
Referee: Matthew Breeze
Crowd: 7,832

Adelaide United line-up: 20. Eugene Galekovic (gk), 3. Alemao (2. Robert CORNTHWAITE 45'), 4. Angelo Costanzo, 7.Lucas Pantelis, 9. Paul Agostino (25. Robert YOUNIS 25'), 10.Cristiano, 13.Travis Dodd (captain) (21. Jason SPAGNUOLO 87'), 14. Scott Jamieson, 15.Jonas Salley, 19. Sasa Ognenovski, 22. Diego, 24. Paul Reid

Substitutes Not Used: Mark BIRIGHITTI (gk)

Yellow Cards: nil
Red Cards: nil

Wellington Phoenix line-up: 20. Glen MOSS (gk), 3. Tony LOCHHEAD, 4. Jon McKAIN, 7. Leo BERTOS, 10. Michael FERRANTE, 12. Richard JOHNSON (5. Karl DODD 75'), 13. Troy HEARFIELD, 15. Adam KWASNIK (8. Vaughan COVENY 56'), 16. David MULLIGAN, 21. Lei Lei GAO (11. Daniel CORTES 62'), 22. Andrew DURANTE (captain).

Substitutes Not Used: Mark PASTON (gk)

Yellow Cards: MULLIGAN (34'), GAO (40')
Red Cards: nil

Sunday 31 August 2008
Sydney FC 5 (Alex BROSQUE 2'; Steve CORICA 20' pen; Mark BRIDGE 39'; Shannon COLE 43'; og 88')
Perth Glory 2 (Eugene DADI 12'/67')
Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney
Referee: Peter Green
Crowd: 11,732

Sydney FC line-up: 1.Clint BOLTON (gk), 2.Iain FYFE, 4.Simon COLOSIMO, 5.Mitchell PRENTICE, 7.Robbie MIDDLEBY, 10.Steve CORICA (captain) (26. Dez GIRALDI 83'), 12.Shannon COLE (23. John Aloisi 65'), 14.Alex BROSQUE, 15.Terry MCFLYNN, 17.Jacob TIMPANO (6. Tony POPOVIC 59'), 19.Mark BRIDGE

Substitutes Not Used: Ivan NECEVSKI (gk)

Yellow Cards: nil
Red Cards: nil

Perth Glory line-up: 20. Frank JURIC (gk), 2.Nikolai TOPOR-STANLEY, 3. David TARKA, 4.Jamie COYNE (captain), 6.Dino DJULBIC, 9.Adrian TRINIDAD (13. Nikita Rukavytsa 45'), 10.AMARAL, 11.Scott BULLOCH, 14.Eugene DADI (24. Anthony SKORICH 85'), 16.Adriano PELLEGRINO (7. Nick RIZZO 85'), 17.James DOWNEY

Substitutes Not Used: Jason PETKOVIC (gk)

Yellow Cards: PELLEGRINO (20'), DJULBIC (20'), AMARAL (86')
Red Cards: DJULBIC (20')

Sunday 31 August 2008
Queensland Roar 2 (Charlie MILLER 69';, Serge VAN DIJK 73'))
Central Coast Mariners 4 (Matt SIMON 32'; Michael JEDINAK 48'; Dylan MACALLISTER 83'/70')
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Referee: Peter O'Leary
Crowd: 12,185

Queensland Roar line-up: 1. Liam REDDY (gk), 3. Luke DEVERE, 4. Craig MOORE (captain), 7. Michael ZULLO (12. Tahj MINNIECON 60'), 8. Massimo MURDOCCA, 9. Sergio VAN DIJK, 10. Charlie MILLER, 11. Reinaldo (22. Robbie KRUSE 60'), 15. Matt McKAY, 16. Hyuk-Su SEO (2. Andrew PACKER 60'), 18. Danny TIATTO

Substitutes Not Used: Griffin McMASTER (gk)
Yellow Cards: REDDY (15'), TIATTO (28')
Red Cards: nil

Central Coast Mariners line-up: 40. Mark BOSNICH (gk) 4. Predrag BOJIC, 5. Bradley PORTER, 7. John HUTCHINSON, 15. Andrew CLARK, 16. Nigel BOOGAARD, 18. Alex WILKINSON (captain), 19. Matt SIMON (11. Dylan MACALLISTER 56'), 21. Ahmad ELRICH (17. Matthew OSMAN 11') 22. Sasho PETROVSKI, 23. Michael JEDINAK (6. David D'APUZZO 85')

Substitutes Not Used: Andrew REDMAYNE (gk)
Yellow Cards: SIMON (15'), JEDINAK (17'), CLARK (76'), MACALLISTER (77')
Red Cards: nil

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Melbourne Victory	3	2	1	0	9	2	7	7
2 Sydney FC	3	2	1	0	8	4	4	7
3 Adelaide United	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	7
4 Central Coast Mariners	3	1	1	1	7	6	1	4
5 Queensland Roar	3	0	2	1	4	6	-2	2
6 Newcastle Jets	3	0	2	1	4	9	-5	2
7 Perth Glory	3	0	1	2	5	9	-4	1
8 Wellington Phoenix	3	0	1	2	3	8	-5	1

ROUND FOUR

MELBOURNE VICTORY
V
ADELAIDE UNITED
KO 8pm Friday 12th Sep
Telstra Dome

NEWCASTLE JETS
V
SYDNEY FC
KO 7pm Saturday 13th Sep
Energy Australia

WEELINGTON PHOENIX
V
MARINERS
KO 5pm Sunday 14th Sep[
Westpac Stadium

PERTH GLORY
V
ROAR
KO 3pm Sunday 14th August
Members Equity Stadium

TOP SCORERS

4 – Danny Allsopp (MV)
3 – Steve Corica (SFC), Eugene Dadi (PG), Charlie Miller (QR), Shane Smeltz (WP)

SYDNEY FC

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PERTH GLORY

SYDNEY SLAMS FIVE PAST GLORY

Djulbic Dismissal Buries Perth

In a match which featured many goals and plenty of drama, Sydney FC ran out 5-2 winners over Dave Mitchell's Perth side.

Sydney FC made only one enforced change following their 3-2 win over the Mariners last week, with Mitchell Prentice replacing the suspended Stuart Musialik in midfield. For the visitors, David Tarka returned to the starting eleven in place of young Hayden Doyle.

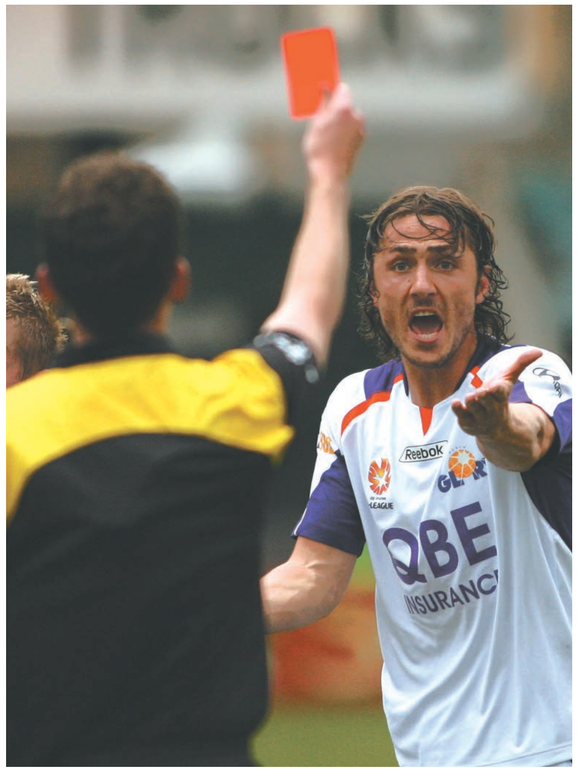
The game began with a Sydney goal out of nowhere. Dino Djulbic, under some pressure on the right, prodded a gentle backpass in the direction of Tarka. It was quickly intercepted by Alex Brosque, who surged on into the area, manoeuvred himself between Tarka and Jamie Coyne, and finished neatly with his right foot.

Perth looked stunned, but recovered some composure in the succeeding minutes and managed to score an unexpected equaliser on 12 minutes. Amaral took a free kick deep on the right, and Eugene Dadi captialised on some slack Sydney marking to send an angled header past Clint Bolton.

The game continued on its uninspiring way, with Sydney largely dictating matters, but on 20 minutes they received a welcome double gift. First Steve Corica was bundled over in the box by Adrian Pellegrino for a penalty, and then Djulbic, protesting the decision in provocative terms, was handed a red card by referee Peter Green.

Corica stroked the penalty home, and the result never looked in doubt from that point.

Perth re-organised their formation, shifting Jimmy Downey to right-back and pulling Adrian Trinidad deeper, but Sydney held the initiative for the remainder of the half. Brosque nearly scored a second when he twisted past Coyne on 31 minutes, but he snatched at his left-foot shot.



Dino sees red for the Glory

Glory's Eugene DADI flies up against Sydney's Mitchell PRENTICE

Following a half-chance for Trinidad, Sydney scored their third on 39 minutes. Corica, lively as always, slid the ball through to Brosque on the right, who sent an insidious ball into the centre: Mark Bridge tapped home, under pressure from Coyne.

The onslaught continued, and on 43 minutes it was four. This time it was the overlapping Iain Fyfe who crossed from the right, and although the ball evaded both Corica and Bridge, Shannon Cole was there to slot the ball home by the far post. Perth at least had the consolation of creating the final chance of the half, when Trinidad had two excellent chances in a minute, one blocked by Simon Colosimo, and the other – a far-post header – saved brilliantly by Clint Bolton.

Nikita Rukavytsya replaced Trinidad at the break, and Sydney, with their three-goal buffer, went badly off the boil in the second period. On 51 minutes, Jimmy Bulloch, peripheral up to that point, went on a useful run down the left, beating Colosimo but sending his eventual shot just over the bar. Then it was Amaral's turn; the Brazilian cheekily beat Terry McFlynn and sent a searing cross-shot at goal, which Bolton could only push into the path of Rukavytsya. The substitute, however, had insufficient time to react, and prodded wide.

Shannon Cole had another chance to get his name up in lights on 59 minutes, but his trademark free kick flew just wide of the far post. Seven minutes later, Perth scored a well-deserved second goal. Colosimo pushed Dadi over in the box, and the Ivorian slammed home the penalty.

Frank Juric showed his value to Perth with a number of fine saves in the closing stages. Corica was fed by substitute John Aloisi on 68 minutes, but the Perth custodian saved from point-blank range. As he did, superbly, ten minutes later when Fyfe's cross reached John Aloisi at the far post. But Juric saved his best for last: on 82 minutes, Corica returned the earlier favour by slipping John Aloisi through; after adroitly smothering Aloisi's shot, Juric went on to save the rebound from Mark Bridge as well.

It eventually took one of his own defenders to beat Juric: a through-ball from Mark Bridge nearly reached Aloisi again, but Nikolai Topor-Stanley's desperate attempted clearance ended up in the back of the Perth net.

PLAYER RATINGS - SFC

Bolton: 7. Another good display from the Sydney No.1.
Fyfe: 6. One or two good crosses on the overlap, but he is not really suited to right-back.
Colosimo: 7. Strong at the back, although the penalty giveaway was foolish.
Prentice: 7. A competent job as midfield pivot.
Middleby: 7. Good defensive work from the veteran this afternoon.
Corica: 8. Always creative, always involved.
Cole: 7. Not quite as dominant as in recent weeks, but he did well.
Brosque: 9. Perth's scourge all afternoon. Troubled the defence with his neat touches and bursts of pace.
McFlynn: 7. Lifted when circumstances required it.
Timpano: 7. A solid performance from the young centre-half.

PLAYER RATINGS - GLORY

Juric: 8. Some magnificent saves at the end kept the score from becoming embarrassing.
Topor-Stanley: 7. Battled manfully throughout.
Tarka: 6. Often caught out by Sydney's pace up front.
Coyne: 6. See Tarka.
Djulbic: 4. Foolish behaviour to get himself sent off.
Trinidad: 8. One of the only Perth players looking to create something once they went down to ten.
Amaral: 8. Tried his best to take control in midfield, and did so towards the end.
Bulloch: 8. Came to life late, but looked one of Perth's more dangerous players.
Dadi: 6. Two goals, but didn't show enough pace for much of the afternoon.
Pellegrino: 6. Largely anonymous.
Downey: 6. Didn't get forward to good effect nearly enough.

Player ratings courtesy
Roger Sleeman

By Mike Salter

Photos by Geoff Jones

ADELAIDE UNITED

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WELLINGTON PHOENIX

UNITED FLEECES PHOENIX

Christiano Double Does The Damage

Adelaide United has continued its fine start to the 2008-09 season with a very comfortable 3-0 win over Wellington Phoenix at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday night in what was the Lucas Pantelis and Cristiano show.

The start looked to be an exciting match when Lucas Pantelis opened up Adelaide's register in the 14th minute from a great low ball in from new Brazilian Alemao that passed Paul Agostino and Cristiano in front of goal and found the vice captain unmarked, who comprehensively punished it away into the top of goal.

But for the remainder of the first half it was a somewhat lacklustre and flat flavour to the game, Phoenix playing without any urgency and like their previous game, making elementary mistakes across the park. In their defence Phoenix were not at their strongest, ravaged by illness and injury with Shane Smeltz out ill and Vaughan Coveny travelling over last minute to cover for him, Leo Bertos and Leilei Gao both playing with groin and hamstring problems, while Adam Kwasnik also with the flu valiantly stood up and gave his side a very strong 55 minutes of play.

Wellington's Richard Johnson had a chance to equalize in the 40th minute directly in front of goal, taking a huge swing at the ball but no connection seeing the golden opportunity missed. Two minutes later a great ball in from United's Paul Reid had Travis Dodd blasting a shot wide of the far post unable to capitalise on the opportunity.

Half time saw United's coach Aurelio Vidmar forced to substitute a groin-strained Alemao who had a great first half, with tall timber Robert Cornthwaite to take his place in the back. Adelaide came out all guns-a-blazing in the second stanza, Cristiano rewarded in the 48th minute after he put in a cross from the right finding Paul Reid who took a shot from just inside the penalty area. The Phoenix keeper Glen Moss parried the shot away, putting it on a platter for Cristiano who was there to clean up the crumbs and net his first Hyundai A-League goal. Gao took a curling shot for Phoenix in the 54th, but went well wide giving Galekovic no work at all.

On the 55 minute mark, Adam Kwasnik was spent, the flu taking the toll on his body and was subbed off for Vaughan Coveny who put a little spark in the Kiwi side. Former Barnsley right back David Mulligan made his A-League debut in this match and worked tirelessly for his new side, one of the best on ground for the mostly inconsistent Phoenix. For this match Vidmar had shifted Paul Reid into a more attacking playing position and slotted Jonas Salley into the key midfield holding position to specifically stop the danger man Gao and it worked brilliantly, albeit Gao playing with an injury. Pantelis was also playing very wide on the left of the park which was beating Wellington throughout the match, a new formation that Vidmar has been working on throughout the week.

This suited Pantelis perfectly, his game on fire as his many runs down the left leaving the Phoenix defence in his wake. At the 60th minute mark of the match Dodd then put in a great ball for Reid who fed it through to Pantelis, timing his run to perfection, pin-pointing the ball in to split the defence for Cristiano to finish off and get his second sending the small 7,832 crowd upstanding as it hit the net.

United was gathering momentum with each run down the park, Dodd missing out on scoring as his shot hit the cross bar just five minutes later. Cristiano missed out on his hat trick in the 68th as he hit a purple patch in the game, his one-on-one with the keeper Glen Moss in the penalty area missing the goal by 10 metres.

United's striker Paul Agostino played well but without being able to score, was substituted in the 75th minute by youngster Robert Younis. With United in full swing now, another chance seemed to go begging when Cristiano played to Younis fresh on the park his shot flying wide of the post. Cristiano again was in the thick of things, his one-two stepover the ball to beat the defence then shooting from the edge of the penalty box but slipping the ball past the post.

Adelaide United Coach Aurelio Vidmar said the effort was pleasing from all of his players. "We certainly started off the game extremely well and finished it off very well. From start to finish, I was really pleased by the performance tonight," Vidmar said. "I mentioned during the week that if we had seven or eight players performing above their average, then we'll win the game and that was certainly the case tonight. I think Cristiano needed that goal to get the monkey off his back and when he got it, his confidence really lifted so I was really pleased for him," Vidmar said.

Phoenix captain Andrew Durante was very disappointed with his side's performance. "Pretty much ti was terrible, we were outplayed, out-classed and some players didn't even show up. There was no mongrel in us; it's the worst performance I've been involved with. They're a good side; we just got exposed too many times."

With the FIFA Match Day Break and the weekend off for all teams this gives time for Adelaide United to prepare for a massive month ahead, which will see it feature in the AFC Champions League Quarter Finals a huge challenge of five games in sixteen days.

By Nat Adamopoulos in Adelaide

Photos by Adam Butler

Two goalCristiano hold off his Wellington opponent

PLAYER RATINGS - AUFC

Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk) 5, not really tested at all during this match
ALEMAO 6, only lasted first half due to groin strain, good performance though while on
Angelo COSTANZO 6, as usual rock solid in the back
Lucas PANTELIS 8, pocket rocket blasted through the Phoenix defence
Paul AGOSTINO 6, good work rate, but with his experience, would like to see much more
CRISTIANO 8, dynamite outstanding looking like a match winner entertainment factor 10
Travis DODD (capt.) 7, superb first half with plenty of speed, had quieter second half
Scott JAMIESON 6, young guy who plays with maturity, some good moves
Jonas SALLEY 6, played the midfield holding role well
Sasa OGNENOVSKI 7, very cool in defence another great game
Paul REID 6, is in the right place at the right time links well in the middle

Subs
(45th) Robert CORNTHWAITE 6, contributed greatly with his assists second half
(75th) Robert YOUNIS 6, looks to be dangerous when given the chance
(87th) Jason SPAGNUOLO 5, not on long enough in this match to impact

PLAYER RATINGS - WPFC

Glen MOSS (gk) 4, outclassed on the night, beaten too many times
Tony LOCHHEAD 4, very flat needs to be stronger in defence, Dodd dominated him
Jon McKAIN 4, some good clearances but couldn't hold Cristiano, needs to strengthen his defending skills
Leo BERTOS 5, his experience showed but hampered due to injury
Michael FERRANTE 6, unable to capitalize on chance presented to him, shots need to be on target
Richard JOHNSON 6, valiant effort did well
Troy HEARFIELD 5, couple of good balls forward but just not enough given when needed
Adam KWASNIK 7, gave it his all, stricken with flu, courageous effort was in everything he could be
David MULLIGAN 7, one of the best for Phoenix, worked tirelessly, great on debut
Leilei GAO 6, stood up for his side but injury prevented more from him
Andrew DURANTE (capt.) 5, just not strong enough in defence, would be disappointed with his game

(56th) COVENY 6, put a spark in the side when coming on
(62nd) DANIEL 6, was into the game straight away gave a lot more in last 10 minutes
(75th) Karl DODD 6, strengthened

MELBOURNE VICTORY

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NEWCASTLE JETS

VICTORY BLITZ CHAMPIONS

Jets Pay The Price For Blunders

Melbourne Victory has sent an ominous warning to the rest of the competition after recording a 5-0 demolition of reigning champions Newcastle Jets at Telstra Dome on Friday night.

Archie Thompson's introduction midway through the first half ignited the home side, proving the catalyst for the onslaught as he scored once and provided the assist in two others in a match winning performance.

Thompson's attacking partner Danny Allsopp secured his second brace in succession during a three minute spell on the hour mark, while Carlos Hernandez and Grant Brebner also found the back of the net in a stunning team performance.

Newcastle in contrast bore stark resemblance to the team which took the A-League by storm last season, lacking the fluidity and cohesion which had become a hallmark of the side.

Jets coach Gary Van Egmond admitted the team's performance was sub-par, describing it as very uncharacteristic.

"First half I thought we didn't do too bad, there were patches there where we created a number of opportunities, and a couple of poor decisions allowed them to get in and copping that goal just before halftime was a real killer," he said.

"The second half was extremely poor. There's no excuse for that. It looked as if they'd given up and that's very, very unNewcastle-like."

Forced to start on the bench due to the recent form of Ney Fabiano and Allsopp, Thompson was introduced to the game after only 24 minutes following an injury to key defender Michael Thwaite, the only sour point of the night for Melbourne, and made an immediate impact on the right wing.

But the first chance of the game fell to defender Roddy Vargas, whose close range header was blocked by sometime Socceroo Ante Covic. Eight minutes later, Allsopp drove a thunderous shot into Covic before Thompson and Fabiano missed back to back opportunities.

However in the 40th minute, Hernandez popped up to open the scoring, latching onto a precise through ball from Thompson before blasting past Covic.

Thompson doubled the advantage minutes later, punishing an error from Covic, whose errant goal kick found Fabiano. The Brazilian showed much calm and poise to play a ball through to Thompson who made no error with the finish.

Melbourne commenced the second half as it completed the first, with Song Jin-Hyung providing the only resistance for the Jets.

The former Korean youth international was again impressive, dazzling with his array of flicks and tricks although his influence was stymied by Evan Berger, who performed in stern fashionat left back.

Victory sealed the win in the 61st minute, as Allsopp capitalised on lacklustre defending to tap in a Thompson cross unchallenged at the far post.

With first choice stopper Adam Griffiths absent, youngster Ben Kantarovski was forced to fill the void, and following a stunning debut two weeks earlier against the Mariners, was out of sorts, struggling to gel with North in the centre of defence.

The defensive cracks were exposed again three minutes later when Allsopp scored his second, placing a shot past Covic after being played in on goal by Fabiano.

Grant Brebner completed the scoring in injury time, thundering home a strike from the edge of the area with his first touch to cap off a team display which will strike fear in the Melbourne's rivals.

While Ernie Merrick preferred to remain tight-lipped, the performance prompted Thompson to make comparisons with the all-conquering Melbourne side of season two.

He said: "The second year in the third round I predicted we were going to win the league and the championship so I have been told to watch what I say. But, I tell you what, this squad is definitely right up there."

By Simon Chiarelli in Melbourne

Photos by John Punshon

Delighted team mates rush to congratulate Grant Brebner on his goal seconds after coming on as a sub

PLAYER RATINGS - MVFC

1. Michael THEOKLITOS – 6 – Had little to do for duration of match
2.Kevin MUSCAT – 6 – Shifted into central defence, he showed much of his experience
3.Michael THWAITE – 5 – Copped an early knock before being substituted early
7.Matthew KEMP – 7 - Solid performance as he continues to find his form
9.Danny ALLSOPP – 8 – Linked impressively with Fabiano and again showed his scoring touch
11.NEY FABIANO – 7 – Displayed an impressive understanding with Allsopp and Thompson
12.Rodrigo VARGAS – 7 – Another characteristic display from one of the competition's premier defenders
14.Billy CELESKI – 7 – Showed his versatility in a holding role
16.Carlos HERNANDEZ – 7 – Competent display capped off with a goal
17.Jose Luis LOPEZ – 7 – Looked a class above the Jets midfield in impressive performance
19.Evan BERGER – 7 – Provided little threat forward but shut down Song effectively.
Substitutes
10. Archie THOMPSON 24' – 8 – Rediscovered his form following lacklustre Olympic campaign
8. Grant BREBNER 89' – N/A – Scored with first and only meaningful touch

PLAYER RATINGS - JETS

1. Ante COVIC – 5 – Made strong saves early before committing some costly errors
3. Jade NORTH – 4 – Looked a shadow of the player who commands a Socceroo starting berth
5. James HOLLAND – 5 – Quiet throughout, was overwhelmed by Melbourne's midfield
6. Jesper HAKANSSON – 4 – Forgettable debut, it can only improve for the Dane
8. Matt THOMPSON – 6 – Solid if unspectacular performance from ever-present utility
9. Joel GRIFFITHS – 5 – A non-factor, he was found wanting under pressure from Victory defence
10. Jin-Hyung SONG – 6 – Brilliant early, he drifted out of the game
11. Tarek ELRICH – 5 – An early caution seemed to impact on his performance
12. Jobe WHEELHOUSE – 5 – Struggled to assert influence on contest
13. Adam D'APUZZO – 4 – Was hardly sighted for duration of match
16. Ben KANTAROVSKI – 5 – Showed all his inexperience, getting drawn out position consistently
Substitutes
23. Edmundo ZURA 54' – 5 – Acted as an attacking target but again looked unimpressive
15. Jason HOFFMAN 72' – 5 – Was unable to provide any impetus going forward
18. Noel SPENCER 85' – N/A – Not given enough time to influence match

In Safe Hands

DA: My debut was Adelaide city at the old Middle Park in front of about 10,000 people in the 91-92 season. Nervous as hell, but at the same time nothing to lose. Yes.
LA: My first senior game was for St Albans Dinamo in 1995 against Albion at Churchill Reserve in St Albans. Our goalkeeper Sean Keogh was sent off mid way through the second half and Vlado Vanis substituted me on with the result at 0-1 for Albion. To be honest I didn't have time to think about exactly what was happening and just went on and tried to not concede a goal. Unfortunately I did receive a goal and we ended up losing 1-2. After the game I was just ecstatic that I played an official senior game. These days, after playing so many games throughout the years I am definitely a lot more comfortable and relaxed leading up to the game but I do still enjoy playing matches especially in derby games when there is a decent turn out in spectators.
SF: The first senior game I played I was 13, in a South American tournament, it was the best buzz i had and it was still the same buzz when i continued to play senior football. No drugs could come close to the buzz you get when you play in goals !!!!
SW: My first senior game was at Frankston Pines at the age of 15 in the State league 1st Division, It was against Northcote City and I didn't find out till the Thursday night at training I was playing. As soon as the coach then (Jim Ross) told me I would be playing I was so nervous but excited right to the lead up to match day. On match day the more experienced players (Billy Armour, Daniel McMinimee, Paul Rolleman, Paul Wyte, Paul Helmore) just to name a few, were great to me, telling me I'll be fine and "just play your normal game". To their credit, I did and we drew 0-0 and I got Man of the Match.
ST: Playing for Pascoe Vale in Div 3 when I was 14 years old, let's just say I needed a few pairs of jocks that day. So really, it hasn't changed much.
NR: I was 15 years old for Fitzroy Srbija against Bentleigh Greens.
AC: I was 16, playing at Altona City. It was a Division 1 game vs. Broadmeadows hoping that my inexperience wouldn't show. Lost 2-1 but learnt a hell of a lot. Tough outfit to play in those days.

What importance does experience play?
DA: I think it plays a vital part in our position. Eliminating errors is the difference between good and great goalkeepers, and being experienced helps you do that.
LA: As I said above, with experience comes composure, knowledge and confidence. You can never buy experience !
SF: You can't buy experience !!!!!!!!!!
SW: Experience plays a big role especially in Finals Football and in big games you require your leaders out on the park to help the team get through the game and help the younger players. But its good to have a mix of experience as well as youth....
ST: Apart from ability of course, I think 'time' is one of the most crucial parts in becoming a great goalkeeper! So it's of huge importance
NR: None, if your good enough your old enough
AC: Nothing like it. Can't buy it, otherwise everyone would line up for it at the shop. Anyone can have a good game when they're at a 100%, but when you're playing with an injury, not in form or sick, that's when experience carries you through.

WORST moment?
DA: 7-0 Marconi. Enough said.
LA: Not seeing out my contract at FK Siad Most in the Czech Republic for various reasons.
SF: Playing for heidelberg on my return to the club, and coping 4's & 5's every game.
SW: Losing VPL Grand-Final to Green Gully in 2003, and conceding a goal during a match...
ST: Losing 2002 Grand Final to Preston
NR: Conceding 6 goals against Richmond last year :(
AC: At Carlton SC 99/00 Season. Deano (Anastasiadis) was in good form, and it was hard to get any consistency going, and when I finally found some form I tore the ligaments in my ankle.

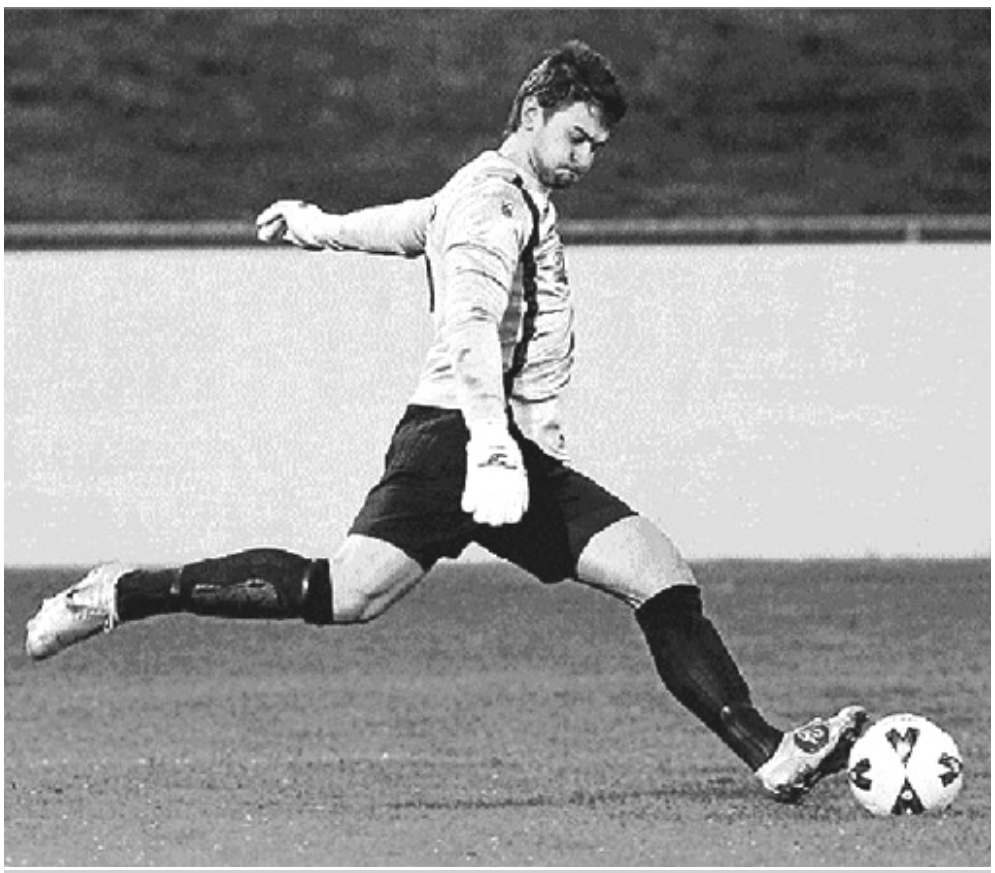
Has the standard of goalkeepers improved in Australia/VPL over the last 10 years?
DA: Not too sure about that one. We have always produced great keepers in Australia. To say that the current top ten are any better than their predecessors….not really.
LA: When I first started playing senior football, there were many goalkeepers of a high standard like Sean Keogh, Mario Vunderl, Jim Kourtis just to name a few. These days there is the Tilovski's, Webster's etc that are certainly very good goalkeepers. Comparison's cannot be made because goalkeeping has evolved in many ways throughout the years.
SF: No, that's why my partner Louie Acevski and myself are starting this goalkeeping academy to produce the next generation of goalkeepers in Australia.
SW: I think yes there are a lot of high quality goalkeepers playing in the VPL that could easily be playing in the A-league (myself ha ha, Lou Acevski, Steven Tilovski, Adrian Cagalj, Peter Gavalas, Robbie Simioni,) just to name a few before I think you would get 2-3 good ones now there's a quality keeper playing at each club in the VPL. But I have watched a lot of State 1 and 2 games and there are plenty of keepers playing in the lower leagues that could easily step up and play VPL.
ST: Yes we have great keepers in Australia but unfortunately for the A-League most of them play in the VPL.
NR: I think it has a lot of young keepers coming through.
AC: Yes, I believe more young 'keepers are getting experience in the higher leagues now, more than before.

What is your general buildup/preparation before a game?
DA: I am a creature of habit when it comes to that. Try to get some extra sleep, which is hard with my two kids, then get a pasta in before the game.
LA: These days it's reading the Herald Sun in the mornings during breakfast and then spending time with my wife and daughter before I head off to the match. I'm not superstitious or have a set routine, I take it as it comes.
SF: Very quiet, and focusing on the job.
SW: My build up during the day is to relax and listen to music clean my boots and gloves if necessary, Start heading to the Ground 3 hours before K.O like to catch a bit of the reserves, catch up with the boys as they arrive at the ground, go in for team talk prepare for the game physically and mentally always try to do the same warm up pre match.....
ST: Sleep in go for a walk and a stretch, have something to eat off to the game early.
NR: Relaxing, listening to music, eating heaps!
AC: Cup of tea.

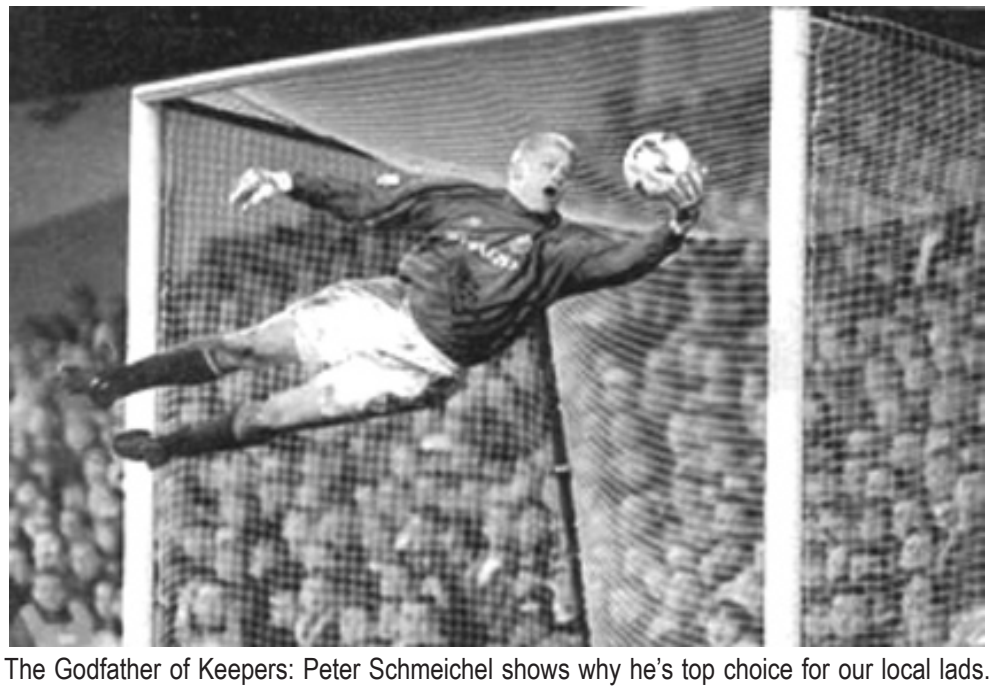
Describe your training habits/routine?
DA: I actually enjoy training during the season. It's the pre-season that does my head in. I believe strongly that you play the way you train.
LA: At this semi-professional level, the first training off the week would definitely be the one where I get pushed to the limit. I train as hard as I can and then the 2nd session would be concentrating on technique and building confidence. The last session would generally be a walk in the park J
SF: Go hard or don't go at all.
SW: Always work hard at training listen and learn there's always something new to learn in Goalkeeping.....My routine each week is to turn up, train and play.
ST: I treat each session as a way of improving myself that little bit more. I love training so I put a lot of effort into it.
NR: I try to train 5-6 days a week. I love training.
AC: Learn by experience what you really need, and stick with it. Cover all basics and push hard.

What are your pet hates in the team/during game/training?
DA: Lazy players, individuals.
LA: Pet hates are when players give up when losing and don't push themselves to the limit when it really counts. Maybe us goalkeepers are a little crazy at times and demand too much J
SF: Bitching, the blame game, and defenders that don't listen to a thing you say !!!
SW: During a game players getting Red Cards or Yellow Cards for un-necessary reasons lets the team down. During training, running and sprints, and the goalkeeping coach turning up on Wednesdays.

FULL NAME: Stuart Webster
NICKNAME: Webby
D.O.B: 25/10/78
HEIGHT: 183cm
WEIGHT: 82kg
CURRENT CLUB: Richmond Eagles
OCCUPATION: Plasterer
MENTOR: My beautiful Fiancee Emma, and I must give my Mum a mention to.....
MAGIC MOMENT: Signing professional contract and playing for Greenock Morton Football Club in the Scottish 1st Division 2000 / 2001 season.
BEST SAVE: Penalty save against Preston in 2003 Victorian premier League semi-final to put Frankston Pines into the VPL Grand Final.



FULL NAME: Steven Tilovski
NICKNAME: TILA
D.O.B: 18/03/1981
HEIGHT: 83 Kg
WEIGHT: 182 cm with my hair done
CURRENT CLUB: Green Gully Soccer Club
OCCUPATION: Graphic Designer
MENTOR: Jeff Olver, but now it's Lou Kastner (Legend!)
MAGIC MOMENT:Playing for Victoria vs Tianjin Teda (2002 in Tianjin)
BEST SAVE:Any match winning save



The Godfather of Keepers: Peter Schmeichel shows why he's top choice for our local lads. Photo: Ripped off the Net

In Safe Hands

ST: When away change rooms are too small and there is no hot water. Annoying!!!
NR: Team: none, game: refs, training: recovery sessions
AC: You should conduct yourself on the park, as you would off it. Some players think it's their 90 minutes to relive their schoolyard bully days. Its unacceptable.

If there was ONE thing you'd change about your goalkeeping, what would it be?
DA: I never drop kick the ball. When it's very windy I struggle.
LA: My height has always played a factor during my career with people's perception that I was too short to be successful.
SF: To have been more ruthless.
SW: My height, conceding goals.
ST: The ability to take free kicks and penalties.
NR: Coming out for crosses.
AC: As above, the cheap shots behind play. I understand the principle of what happens on the ground stays on the ground, but if players want to grab testicles, maybe they should get a room after the game and sort out their bizarre fetishes.

How do you deal with injuries? What's the worst you've had, but kept playing regardless?
DA: Most of my injuries came later in my career.
LA: What's the worst you've had, but kept playing regardless? Injuries are the only negative when it comes to football. While I was overseas, all in the space of 3 months, I tore my calf muscle, tore my groin muscle and strained my ligaments in both knees. These injuries kept me out for a total of 14 weeks and then it took me 12 weeks to start feeling injury free. The worst injury I have played with in a match was a broken wrist - I didn't know it was broken until my hand swelled up so much that I had to get the glove cut off from my hand.
SF: When i played, it would have been a very serious injury to get me of the park, once i split my knee open blood pissing everywhere, but i kept on going. And then you get those broken little fingers that you just push back in and keep going.
SW: Never really been one to have a lot of injuries, but the worst I've had has been broken fingers which I got on trial at Halifax Town.
ST: I try to look after myself constantly, whether seeing physios, doing a recovery session with Dean Fak or just taking a lot of anti-inflammatory's.
NR: I don't deal well with injuries. The worst I've had has been an orthoscope out for 5 weeks
AC: Kept playing with a torn ankle in 2005 when playing with the Knights, and finished the remaining 8 games of the season with the injury getting progressively worse. I felt as Captain though, I had to lead by example and do the job, as we were facing relegation that season. We survived.

Who was your role model/goalkeeper when growing up?
DA: Peter Schmeichel. Most complete keeper.
LA: Phillip Trianiadis. He is a legend at Preston Lions S.C and I always concentrated on what he did throughout every match when I went to watch Preston back in the NSL many years ago.
SF: Bosnich, Dasayev, and Van Breukelen
SW: Peter Schmeichel
ST: I had the privilege of being Dean Anastasiadis' understudy at Carlton SC. Dean showed me how to train and prepare. He always trained hard, looked after himself and was a professional in all aspects of the game and true gentlemen off it.
NR: Gianluigi Buffon
AC: Michel Preud'homme was safe, but an absolute legend. For fantasy or shock value, Bruce Grobelaar.

What importance is there in the balance between mental/physical/spiritual?
DA: If you're down in confidence no matter how old you are, you're going to struggle. So I believe that the mental part of our game plays a good 50% part.
LA: There needs to be a balance between all three to help you in life in general not just in sport, in order to stay focused, motivated and healthy. There has to be a balance in all three to have success.
SF: Those three elements are the key to success.
SW: Pass.
ST: Spirituality is extremely important as if you don't believe in God as a keeper you can find yourself in some dark, dark places.
NR: In life I believe that everything is good in moderation.
AC: Everything is linked and balanced. You don't want too much or too little of anything. To be content with what you have though, is bliss.

How does finals preparation differ from a "normal " game?
DA: Your pre game stuff shouldn't differ too much. Too much emphasis gets you too edgy where you might be trying too hard. And we know what can happen there.
LA: Finals football, you know there is no room for mistakes because you get knocked out and you are not given the opportunity to redeem yourself but during a normal game, you sometimes have that mentality, 'there is always next week' !
SF: Three points don't matter anymore and it's do or die, so your focus is greater and you tend to be abit more serious.
SW: Does not differ that much training is just the same, and it's just another game but the buzz and feel around the club is different.
ST: I have the same routine no matter what's at stake.
NR: Nothing is different - must win every game.
AC: No real difference. Professionalism isn't something you switch on or off according to a particular game. I do hate playing in front of small crowds though, it defeats the purpose of playing in the highest league in Victoria sometimes. Playing Finals football with a big crowd, is a wonderful buzz. When there is atmosphere, it makes it worthwhile.

Who was your biggest influence? *(Could've been a complete miser; ie Frank Arok.)*
DA: Yeah he was one for that exact reason as well. Did you put that in for me? There have been many and I mean many who have contributed in my career and they all have played important roles in one way or another. John Sitheris though in the latter part of my career got into my head mentally and always seem to know what to say and when.
LA: My family.
SF: Bosnich when I started to play then my goalkeeper coach later in my career.
SW: Stan (the man) Webster - If it wasn't for him I would probably of not got the chance to play in the Premier League.... and Ally Maxwell (Manager Greenock Morton Football Club) - Gave me the chance to play professionally overseas.
ST: Parents, The Wife, Jeff Olver, Ken Murphy (For NOT giving me a shot in the VPL), Joe Biskic (For giving me a shot in the VPL)
NR: My brother.
AC: 1) Eddie Krncevic; for having faith in my abilities. 2) Zoran Matic; as before. 3) Tabitha, my wife; restores the balance of the force. 4) Stuart Munro; for the positive negative, to show that I had the talent and attitude but had to prove it.

How do you deal with antagonism from spectators/opposition players?
DA: When I was younger I used to get pretty fired up. A few times thrown off my game, but as you get older you seem too deal with it better. Supporters get more fired up when you don't show any emotion towards them. The only thing I must say is, I hated seeing young kids and elderly men swearing and hurling abuse. The guys between 16 and 50 are there to do a job.
LA: I love it, I think it makes the game more passionate and lively. You know what is said on the park, stays on the park and with spectators having a go, by all means it again pushes me to the next level to play even better.
SF: To answer this question seriously for all the young goalkeepers reading, you shouldn't let it get to you it's all a game for them to make you lose you're key element, your concentration.
SW: It's pretty hard to take especially when you can hear everything that's being said from supporters behind the goals, however if you perform well and win the game you get the last laugh.
ST: The same way I deal with my wife when she annoys me, ignore them!!
NR: ? I love it. It makes me play better - I take it all in and I let my actions do the talking ;)
AC: thick skin. Never get carried away. Part of the game.

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TSIGAN UNITED FC

FULL NAME: Nikola Roganovic
NICKNAME: Nidjo
D.O.B: 2/12/1985
HEIGHT: 191 cm
WEIGHT: 84 kg
CURRENT CLUB: Altona Magic FC
OCCUPATION: Student
MENTOR: Brother
MAGIC MOMENT: Everyday I'm alive
BEST SAVE: Against South Melbourne this year, it's on Channel 31 archives if you want to see it - South v Magic rnd 22-26

FULL NAME: Sam Frangos
NICKNAME: "Franga"
D.O.B: 17/02/76
HEIGHT: 185 cm
PLAYING WEIGHT: 80 kg
CURRENT CLUB: N/A
OCCUPATION: Sales Executive
MENTOR: Thomas Schwarz and John Sideris
MAGIC MOMENT:
Playing for the first time at Olympic Park in the NSL Youth League before a huge senior game
BEST SAVE: Playing for Altona East in the Premier League against Port Melbourne - Nick Tsaltas cut the ball back to Mich Pino on the 18 yard box. Mich has started to fly in the air for ½ volley and I come flying at him in the air parallel to the ground and making the save of my life!!!

NO WIN FOR "SPECIAL ONE"

Hoffenheim's Honeymoon Over, PSV On Fire

The European football season has been spurred into life this weekend, with the commencement of the Italian Serie A, the Spanish Primera Liga and the Dutch Eredivisie adding to the intriguing action already taking place in the English, French, German and Scottish leagues.

Goal! Weekly's Julius Ross checks out the pick of the bunch in this weekend's European fixtures.

MOURINHO DENIED OPENING WIN

Flamboyant Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho was denied a winning start with his new club, defending Serie A champions **Inter Milan**, as they stumbled at **Sampdoria** in their first match of the 2008/09 season.

The colourful and controversial former Chelsea boss saw his side draw 1-1 after midfielder Gennaro Delvecchio cancelled out Zlatan Ibrahimovic's first half strike.

After taking over from sacked manager Roberto Mancini, Mourinho was forced to make a unorthodox change to his starting line-up due to an Inter injury crisis - Argentine midfielder Esteban Cambiasso slotting in at the centre of defence.

In the other Serie A match on Saturday, Antonio Di Natale hit a brace to help his side **Udinese** to a 3-1 victory over **Palmero** - Australia's Marco Bresciano scoring the consolation goal for the visiting side, signaling a promising start to the 2008/09 campaign for the Socceroo midfielder.

Inter Milan´s forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrates after scoring a goal during their Serie A football match against Sampdoria at Luigi Ferraris Stadium in Genoa. The match ended in a 1-1 draw

THE SILVA VILLA SHOW

Valencia kicked off the new season of the Spanish Primera Liga in style on Saturday, with Euro 2008 stars David Villa and David Silva treating the **Mestalla** to an impressive opening game.

Valencia ran out easy 3-0 winners with Villa, Mata and Vicente wrapping up a convincing win, in which the two Euro hereos, Villa and Silva illustrated their world-class talent.

Luis Garcia's goal handed **Espanyol** a 1-0 opening-day victory over visiting **Valladolid.**

Barcelona were expected to take all three on Sunday when they traveled to second division champions **Numancia**, whilst defending champions **Real Madrid** were looking for their fist victory at the Riazor since 1991 when they took on **Deportivo la Coruna.**

HOFFENHEIM FACES BUNDESLIGA REALITY

It was inevitable. Shock early season Bundesliga leaders – minnows 1899 **Hoffenhiem** – were eventually brought back down to earth on Saturday when they suffered a 5-2 loss away to **Bayer Leverkusen.**

Before kick-off, the runners up of the second division in Germany last season, were the only team in the league with a 100 per cent record, but they struggled to impose themselves on the match against Leverkusen, finally succumbing 5-2 despite fighting back to 2-1 and 3-2 after trailing 2-0.

Dropping to fifth place on the table with six points from a possible nine, Hoffenheim's slip-up vacated top spot on the table.

In stepped title challengers **Schalke 04** who took advantage of Hoffenhiem's loss to take the number one spot on the league table, courtesy of a 1-0 win over local rivals **Bochum.**

Schalke leads the standings on goal difference - with seven points from three matches – whilst **Hamburg** and **Borussia Dortmund** sit equal on points.

Defending champions **Bayern Munich** are still searching for their first victory of the season, after drawing their first two matches – giving them just two points – and will be looking for their first league win of the season at home to **Hertha Berlin** on Sunday.

INVINCIBLE KILMARNOCK TOP OF EPL

With all eyes focused on Sunday's Old Firm derby between Glasgow title rivals **Celtic** and **Rangers, Kilmarnock** has surprisingly shot to the top of the Scottish Premier League table.

Gavin Skelton opened the scoring for Kilmarnock, before Australian striker Danny Invincibile secured a 2-0 victory over **Dundee United** to send his side to the top of the SPL standings with 10 points from four games.

Celtic and Rangers, locked on seven points each, will be hot on the heals of 'Killie' when they vie for victory on Sunday – but if in the likely event of a draw between the fierce Glasgow rivals – Kilmarnock will stay top of the league for this weekend at least, thanks to an 'Invincible' performance.

PSV'S FIVE-STAR DISPLAY

Reigning Dutch Eredivisie champs **PSV Eindhoven** started their title-defence with a five-star performance against **Utrecht** on the opening day of the season in the Netherlands.

Ibrahim Afellay and Danny Koevermans hit a brace each for PSV, as they ran out 5-1 winners against injury-depleted Utrecht.

PSV bossed play and possession, and in a sweet three-minute spell before half-time, the champs were 3-0 up heading into the break.

PSV continued their domination in the second half, adding two more fine goals to their tally, but failed to claim a clean sheet as Rafael Uiterloo poked home in stoppage time to grab a consolation goal.

Last season's runner-up, **Ajax Amsterdam,** suffered a shock 2-1 loss against **Willem** on the opening weekend of fixtures, as they failed to apply early pressure to their fierce league rivals, PSV.

MARSEILLE MAINTAIN UNBEATEN START

Watch out **Lyon.** You might just have a serious title contender this season. After winning the last seven consecutive Ligue 1 titles from 2002 to 2008, Lyon has had it easy in the French league. But **Olympique Marseille's** impressive start to the season has seen them maintain their unbeaten start and they may prove a threat to Lyon's hopes of eight titles in eight years.

Karim Ziani and Bakary Kone strikes were enough for a home victory over lowly **Sochaux** on Saturday, as Marseille soared to the top of the Ligue 1 standings.

Marseille is searching for their first league triumph since 1992, and both Marseille fans and neutrals will be hoping that this year's French league will be slightly more competitive.

BLOODY HULL

After grabbing an historic opening day victory in the English Premier League and securing four points from their first two games, **Hull City's** fairytale start to the season was smashed by **Wigan** in a woeful display of defensive football.

Hull's non-existent defensive line allowed the Lactics to thoroughly tame the Tigers at the Kingston Communications Stadium, with Antonio Valencia, Emile Heskey, Amr Zaki – with a brace - and an own goal rounding out the 5-0 score-line as hapless Hull were taught a Premier League lesson.

West Brom picked up its first points of the new campaign after three matches in a 0-0 draw with **Bolton** in which goalkeeper's Jussi Jaaskelainen and Scott Carson pulled off world-class saves at either end to ensure clean-sheets for their respective sides.

Arsenal were back to winning ways after their shock 1-0 loss at the hands of Fulham last weekend, when they thumped **Newcastle United** 3-0 at the Emirates Stadium.

A double from Dutchman Robin Van Persie and a third from Brazilian youngster Denilson silenced critics – who have signaled the Gunner's over-elaborate football which rarely produces an end product as a hindrance to their Premier League title tilt.

Accumulating 20 shots on target last week against Fulham without a score, the rampaging Gunners made sure they hit the target this week, with 12 shots directed on Shay Given's goal, as Arsene Wenger's side returned to form.

Arsenal´s striker Emmanuel Adebayor (R) challenges Newcastle´s defender Fabricio Coloccini (L) during their Premier League match at the Emirates Stadium, London. Arsenal roared back to form after their stuttering start to the season by crushing Newcastle 3-0 on Saturday.

By Julius Ross

Photos by Soccer Way

EPL RESULTS

West Ham 4 - 1 Blackburn Rovers
Hull City 0 - 5 Wigan Athletic
Middlesbrough 2 - 1 Stoke City
Everton 0 - 3 Portsmouth
Bolton Wanderers 0 - 0 West Brom
Arsenal 3 - 0 Newcastle United

	P	PTS
1 Chelsea	2	6
2 Arsenal	3	6
3 Liverpool	2	6
4 West Ham	3	6
5 Middlesbroug	3	6
6 Bolton	3	4
7 Man Utd	2	4

BUNDESLIGA RESULTS

Karlsruher SC 0 - 2 1. FC Köln
Arminia Bielefeld 2 - 4 Hamburger SV
Bayer Leverkusen 5 - 2 TSG Hoffenheim
Energ Cottbus 0 - 1 Borussia Dortmund
VfL Wolfsburg 2 - 2 Eintracht Frankfurt
Borussia Mön 3 - 2 SV Werder Bremen
FC Schalke 04 1 - 0 VfL Bochum

	P	PTS
1 Schalke 04	3	7
2 Hamburg	3	7
3 Borussia Dortmund	3	7
4 Bayer Leverkusen	3	6
5 TSG Hoffenheim	3	6
6 Wolfsburg	3	5
7 Hertha Berlin	2	4

SPL RESULTS

Hamilton Academicals 1 - 2 Hearts
Saint Mirren 0 - 1 Aberdeen
Falkirk 1 - 2 Inverness Caledonian
Hibernian 0 - 1 Motherwell
Dundee United 0 - 2 Kilmarnock

	P	PTS
1 Kilmarnock	4	10
2 Hearts	4	9
3 Celtic	3	7
4 Rangers	3	7
5 Inverness CT	4	7
6 Aberdeen	4	7
7 Hamilton	4	6

LIGUE 1 RESULTS

Nantes 1 - 4 Le Mans
FC Lorient 0 - 2 Auxerre
AS Nancy Lorraine 2 - 1 Le Havre
Grenoble Foot 38 1 - 0 AS Monaco
OGC Nice 2 - 0 Valenciennes
SM Caen 0 - 1 Paris Saint Germain
Marseille 2 - 1 Sochaux

	P	PTS
1 Lyon	3	7
2 Marseille	3	7
3 Bordeaux	3	6
4 Le Mans	3	6
5 Valenciennes	3	6
6 Nice	3	6
7 Grenoble	3	6

BOO'S WORLD
With Mark Boric

Well the Victory are back in town, thumping Newcastle 5-0 on Friday night. Newcastle were poor, on par with Wellington Phoenix against Adelaide United the following day. Mark Shield missed another blatant hand above the head penalty, but unlike last season's Grand Final no one gave him a deserved slapping for it.

The Southern Cross bid for a second Melbourne A-League team has announced Les Murray as it's ambassador. Now from what I have seen on The World Game, Les Murray has been fairly critical of the A-League. His SBS is also involved in a war with A-League broadcaster Fox Sports, with pundits from both sides continually writing columns deriding each other. So his use as an ambassador for a bid being pitched to the FFA he has been at loggerheads with is a little suprising. What next, Craig Foster becoming an English Premier League ambassador in Australia? Michael Jackson to get a gig with UNICEF?

Speaking of A-League bids, I've seen that the North Queensland consortium have Phil Stubbins on their list of coaching candidates. Apparently he is on a shortlist of three which includes Graham Arnold, so he must be at least a 50% chance of getting the gig!

If Southern Cross get the nod ahead of Melbourne Heart as the second Melbourne team, would Flagstaff or Melbourne Central stations put together bids should the possibility of a third Melbourne team ever arise?

With the 2 a.m. lockout looming, James Troisi has finally found a club. Genclerbirligi in Turkey, teaming him up with Bruce Djite. Mark Milligan is still looking for club, and may be hoping Graham Arnold gets that North Queensland gig pretty soon.

Coburg United couldn't have left it any later to ensure VPL survival, and I'm not talking about a nintey-third minute winner. I'm referring to a game being played four days after the season ended. To all the FFV apologists who ask how can the FFV control light failures and wet weather, I remind them that if all the postponed games had been played at the earliest opportunity then the last round last week could have been exactly that. Hopefully lessons have been leant.

The VPL clubs boycott fell apart before it disrupted the finals series. Five clubs are blamed for selling out the others. The real selling out took place when the clubs called a meeting largely due to dissatisfaction with the A.I.S. remaining in the competition, yet drafted a resolution that would have seen them stay in the VPL as well as adding another two clubs to make a 16 team competition. A 16 team competition proved unworkable for the FFV last season (not everyone got to play each other twice, remember) and isn't the way forward for the local game. If offering the relegated clubs a lifeline to secure their support is how the rebels operate, you wonder if they are as corrupt as the system they are fighting.

And now for something completely different: GW photographer Brett Robson is proving to be quite a man about town, this time snapping Nikki Phillips, Eva Mendes and Lara Bingle at the recent 30 Days of Fashion.

KATSA'S KORNER
With George Katsamboukas

KATSA'S KORNER 7-26

HANDBAGS

The showdown at Darebin Corale finished this week, with a number of Foxtel Cup Clubs breaking away from what was decided at earlier meetings held between all the Foxtel Cup Clubs, and that was to boycott the Finals Series and the Gold Medal Night if their demands regarding non relegation of any teams were not met.

In the biggest back down seen since some Clubs disposed of B Douglas for J Walker in their Bars, a number of Clubs changed their positions from their original votes at the specially convened meetings and broke away from the rest, thus Mark and Co took out Round 1 by Knockout.

Back to the drawing board for Clubs, who have lost a golden opportunity to have some input into the way that Soccer in Victoria is run.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN

What does all this mean?
Quite simply, business as usual with the Foxtel Cup Finals commencing and 4 teams being relegated this year.
Westgate bound are Frankston Pines, Fawkner, Western Suburbs and a last minute cancellation on their booking by Coburg, after they defeated Frankston Pines in a mid week catch up match, sees Whittlesea take their place.

FINALS, FINALLY

Finals fever is upon us with Heidelberg and Altona Magic progressing thru to the next stage of the finals, defeating Richmond and Preston respectively.
In the major Final, the Melbourne Knights defeated Green Gully on penalties.

WEEKEND WASH UP

Over to State 1 we go, where the Dandy Thunder lads were singing Opa Opa Opa all the way back to the Thunderdome, after they secured their spot in the Foxtel Cup in 2008.

Zoran Trajevski, Dandenong Thunders Coach has been officially Named Mayor of Dandenong for 2009, and they along with George Cross will now begin to plan for the big jump to the Foxtel Cup in 2009.

Not so happy would have been Stan "The Man" Webster's Springvale White Eagles. who were 1-0 up at half time against Dandy Thunder, however they conceded 5 goals in the second half, sending them deep into the Westgate Zone.

Down Peninsula way, Gus 'Sir Alex" Mcleod would have settled down for a celebratory cup of tea and a Havana Cigar, as the Langy boys used up their get out of jail card for 2008, and it appears that they will escape the long trip down to the Westgate, Via Eastlink and the Monash Freeway this year.

Unless, they lose to Westgate in the last round and White Eagles defeats Bulleen.
Next week sees the conclusion of the various State and Provisional Leagues and after a very long season, Players Coaches and Club Powerbrokers will enter in to a period of hibernation, until….

They get ready to do it all again in 2009!
Short but not so sweet this week.
This is Katsa – Just as you've known him.

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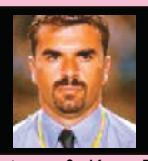

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ROYALS SNUFF OUT STARS' FAINT HOPES

In State League Division One, Southern Stars' slim hopes of winning promotion evaporated on Sunday when their nine-match unbeaten run came to an end with 1-0 home loss against Bulleen Royals.

The Stars conceded an early goal after Royals' striker Cameron Miles went down under a challenge in the box from Stars' central defender Murat Caliskan. Despite the defender's protests of innocence, the referee pointed to the spot from where Royals striker Sash Becvinovski converted the kick in clinical style.

The Stars had plenty of time to recover and gradually they began to get their passing game together, dominating possession without managing to create many openings against a solid and disciplined Royals' side. The visitors threatened the Stars' goal on occasion especially when Miles hurled his long throw-ins into the box.

Stars striker Serkan Doganay missed his team's best opening of the first half when he cut in on his left foot, within shooting range, only to strike the ball wide. The Royals played on the counter and almost took advantage of a defensive slip which allowed midfielder Danny Madarovski space in behind the Stars' defence. However he could only manage to hit the side netting with his effort.

With a strong wind at their backs in the second half, the Stars poured forward in greater numbers. Midfielder Colin Quirk tried his luck from distance on a number of occasions without finding the target in the difficult conditions. The Royals continued to play on the counter finding increasing space in the Stars defence. They created two clear openings on the break . The first when winger Matthew Leckie broke down the right only to be stopped by Stars keeper Michael Sivulja in a one-on-one situation. The second opening saw a Becvinovski volley fly over the bar when it seemed he couldn't miss the target.

An increasingly desperate Stars pushed three strikers and then finally four strikers into attack pumping long balls into the forward line. However they could find no way through the solid Royals' defence rarely testing keeper Marko Sutalo with shots on target.

The final whistle left the Royals celebrating a win which gives them a mathematical chance of winning promotion. Royals' coach Gary Greonwald commented afterwards, " We've got a chance if all the stars are aligned in our favour. In realistic terms, whilst we've still got a chance mathematically, if you're a mathematician and you work out the probability, there's not much of a chance really. It would take Dandenong to lose and draw in their last two games and they haven't done that in a row all season. I'd rather be in their position….The Stars are a very good side. They knocked the ball around quite well even on this bad pitch. So we're pretty happy with 1-0. We could've scored a couple and so could they. These sort of games they can go either way." The Royals coach singled out opposition defender Caliskan for some special praise.

"The guy at the back, he's a very very good player. There's not too many players around like that. One of the best players I've seen around, even in the Premier League."

Stars coach Dean Hennessy couldn't hide his disappointment after the game, " For me the game has been decided by a very dubious penalty…I wasn't overly upset with the way we played, but the pitch is so difficult for both teams. It's hard to play good football after what we saw last week. We've had a great run. It's come to an end today. They're a good side Bulleen. I don't think they're any better than we are. On the day it went their way."

"The last seven –eight weeks we've played some great stuff, got some great results. And I hope that will set us up for next season. Everything's still positive. It's disappointing today but come next Saturday we'll go again and try and finish on a high."

State League Div One

By George Stogiannou

CANNONS FAIL TO FIRE

Melbourne Knights 1
Oakleigh Cannons 0

The Oakleigh Cannons have missed out on the opportunity to participate in this season's finals series, losing to Melbourne Knights by one goal to nil in Tuesday nights catch up at Knights Stadium.

The home side surprisingly fielded a strong line-up considering that had nothing but pride to play for, making four changes to the team that defeated Western Suburbs two days earlier. Ozdemir, Kiratzoglou and Matkovic were recalled to the first team, whilst Chris Taylor opted to give youngster Rinor Muriqi his full debut.

With Oakleigh requiring all three points from this fixture to secure a finals berth, it was surprising to find the Cannons on the back foot early on.

The Knights could have taken the lead early on, Dario Matkovic cross was met by Ivan Franjic whose effort was cleared a defender on the line.

On Sunday Muriqi came on as a substitute and provided a cross that set up Barisic for a goal, tonight Muriqi started the game and created the same outcome. Muriqi's cross in the 22nd minute was met by the diving Barisic to head the Knights into the lead.

The goal seemed to spark Oakleigh into action, forward Tex Apostolikas spurned two good opportunities within two minutes, blazing over the bar on each occasion despite being in a good position.

However Oakleigh were lucky not to fall further behind, when Muriqi wasted a golden opportunity directly in front of goal.

Stuart Munro obviously concerned with his teams' efforts in the first half, rung the changes at half time. Playing with three up front Oakleigh dominated the play in the opening ten minutes of the second half, but despite their dominance they were unable to test Ozdemir in the Knights goal.

Ivan Franjic hit the bar in the 60th minute, before Cannons Keeper Cagalj twice denied former team-mate Barisic another goal. The visitors lost their structure and became frustrated with one another, Vassallo and Damianos were booked for descent as the Cannons could feel their season slipping away.

Their fate was determined when Matthew Foschini was shown his marching orders late in the game, after collected two yellow cards.

Oakleigh's performance was summed up with the last play of the night, when some nice one touch passing led to a cross finding Stelios Drakos unmarked and only 6 yards from goal, but unable to hit the target.

The Cannons finish off a disappointing second half of the season finishing in 7th position. The Melbourne Knights take on Green Gully on Sunday in the qualifying final/

Melbourne Knights Line Up: Ozdemir, Franjic, Elvin, Grbesa, Iosifidis, Timmons, Watson (Cumming 65'), Matkovic (Zahra 80'), Kiratzoglou, Barisic, Muriqi.

Not Used: Loncaric, Thompson, Jesensek.

Yellow Cards: Grbesa, Matkovic, Cumming.

Goals: Barisic 22'

Oakleigh Cannons Line Up: Cagalj, Foschini, Rosman, S. Drakos, Apostolikas (Waterson 46'), Nilo, Vassallo, Lagana, Payne (Ewin 46'), A. Drakos, Webster.

Not Used: Agustin, Munoz, Nasser.

Yellow Cards: Vassallo, Foschini, Lagana, Webster.
Red Cards: Foschini 86'

MoM: Craig Elvin (MK)

Crowd: 500 @ Knights Stadium

Foxtel Cup

By Andrew Fisher

SUMMER LEAGUE NEWS

Following consultation with representatives of the locally based football clubs, the newly established Northwest FC representing the clubs of the Melbourne's northwest has formally submitted its application to participate in the Football Federation Victoria's (FFV) new Summer League initiative and is eagerly awaiting the start of team selection trials and the competition.

The FFV Summer League will provide a foundation for the region's talented young male and female players to showcase their skills and abilities against Victoria's best and it is hoped that the competition will discover the State's next Socceroo or Matilda.

Next month, young FFV registered players from the clubs Northwest region municipalities of Hume, Macedon Ranges, Moonee Valley and Moreland will have the opportunity to trial for positions in their respective age groups and those that are successful and selected, will be representing the Zone against the State's best players and teams in the Summer League.

Over the coming weeks, the Northwest FC will work closely with the FFV and local clubs to promote and market the Summer League, establish the club's website and announce the date and venue for team trials.

For further information regarding Northwest FC, conatct John Lewis on 0407 515 630.

KEILOR DOWNS ARE STATE CHAMPS

Following an undefeated tournament, the Keilor Downs College Intermediate boys soccer team has taken out the 2008 Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Association soccer championship.

Held last Thursday at the FFV headquarters of Darebin, the Keilor Downs College side defeated North Geelong Secondary School by a 3-1 scoreline, in what was a fitting end to a magnificent tournament. A hat trick by year nine speedster Michael Korunovski helped the Keilor Downs side to the win, which meant that the young side finished the entire tournament undefeated.

Co-captained by Nathan Mansuetto and Ersin Kaya, the side was well balanced and extremely disciplined in their approach to all of the games. Alongside Mansuetto, Kaya and Korunovski, Keilor Downs College also had impressive performances by Adam Cefai, Chris Vartaci and Adam Hamze to thank for the marvelous triumph.

Coaches George Katiforis and Josip Loncaric were extremely proud of the boys' efforts and commend the team for a job well done. - JOSEPH LONCARIC

Keilor Downs take out the Secondary Schools Sports Association championship.
Back Row – Shane Austin, Nathan Mansuetto, Luis Bulboa, Chris Vartaci, Duglas Mendez, Adam Cefai, Adam Hamze, Joel Bistricki, Alex Stojanovski
Front Row – David Sereno, Nick Asparos, Michael Korunovski, Deniz Genc
Seated – Ersin Kaya

FINALS FOOTBALL RETURNS TO FFSA MENS LEAGUE

Last weekend saw the return of finals football with the 2008 Devine Homes Final 5 Series Qualifying and Elimination finals being played.

Minor premiers of the Super League Adelaide City received a well-earned week's break with their automatic qualification to the first semi final next week. At Newton Village Sports Complex MetroStars took one step closer to getting a Grand Final birth with their big 3-0 win over the Campbelltown City Red Devils. But Campbelltown were faced with the ultimate challenge; having to play with ten men from the 10th minute after Josef Anello was sent off when James Yong came down in the middle of the park. Campbelltown missed out on their own possible penalty decision, when Josh Christianson came down in the penalty box as he was taking a shot for goal. Despite the Devils putting four defenders behind the ball, MetroStars were still able to penetrate their defence, David Menechella scoring the first goal around the 30min mark with a shot from the right that hit the far inside of the net. Nathan Fleetwood had a great game for the Devils, narrowly missing out being rewarded for his grand effort, his shot being blocked after a one on one with Metros keeper Daniel Godley. Devils keeper Edward Scalzi who has had a very good season in goals for Campbelltown, also worked hard making some great saves, but unfortunately nothing was able to stop a well-timed left foot volley by Yong in the 70th minute. Scott Tunbridge rounded it off for MetroStars third goal with only two minutes to go in the match. Best players for Campbelltown were Stanko Zilic, Michael D'Aoisio and Paul Savio while for Metrostars Louis Brain, Jim Stavrides and Dave Menechella came up trumps. MetroStars now go through to face Adelaide City in the first semi final while Campbelltown will have to face up to Raiders in the second semi final.

Finals actions from South Australia

At the Paddocks in a match that had absolutely everything, the Elimination Final saw the Raiders down the in-form Para Hills Knights 3-2, subsequently bundling them out of the Final 5 Series. Luck wasn't with the Raiders early in the game, an Aaron Westervelt goal disallowed in the 4th minute and an own goal also coming in the first half. The Knights looked primed and ready, the strength of their midfield with Nicky Orr, Joel Allwright and Shane Tobias all putting in very strong performances and looking like they were going to run over the top of the Raiders once they gained momentum. Striker Mark Mulady had his chances as did Stephen Stam and had they put them away, it would have been a very different story to tell, the missed chances coming back to haunt them at the end. Both keepers played well, Raiders Robbie Matosevic pulling off some of his signature saves and Knights keeper James McKee keeping his side alive on a few occasions. All the action was left for the second half and all within the last fifteen minutes. With the Knights having the slight upper hand over the Raiders for most of the match, the tide soon turned as Raiders youngster Osama Malik took on the defence of the Knights. In the 73rd minute a free kick taken by Richie Alagich found Mimi Saric who saw Malik out wide on the left and after receiving the ball, threaded his way past two defenders into the box and chipped keeper McKee for the equalizer. Two minutes later Raiders Daniel Menechella received his second yellow after his foul on Tobias which saw the momentum swing the other way yet again. Shortly after the send off, a great attacking passage of play by the Raiders saw them take the lead after Knights keeper McKee cleared a shot on goal, his clearance falling perfectly for Alagich who volleyed it in for Raiders second. The next ten minutes were played with desperation by both sides, the Knights desperately wanting to get the equalizer and Raiders trying to finish the game off. Raiders Coach Branko Milosevic substituted his young gun Malik in the 85th minute just as Knights strikers Mark Mulady was presented with the opportunity to give his side the goal that they wanted, his shot hitting the side netting instead. But in the 89th minute as he charged through the middle of the park with Raiders defenders either side of him he was brought down in the box, referee Dave Alberton awarding the late penalty which he put away easily to the left of Matosevic. It was game on at two goals a piece with only minutes left to go in the match but moments later spectators were witness to a great goal in this season. In the 92nd minute, recently substituted Raiders player Aaron Taye took control of the ball from the centre circle and cut through the Knights midfield with very little opposition and 40 metres out took a well-timed power shot that beat McKee and blasted the back of the net, his somersault celebration showing the crowd how ecstatic he was. A big of push-n-shove in the middle of the pitch after players came back for the kick off, an altercation between Westervelt and Stam, the latter coming off second best being sent off for retaliation. But as the ref blew the final whistle it was all over for the Knights, their season coming to an abrupt end. On the flip side the Raiders were fighting to see yet another day, taking with them the memories of 2002 when they won the finals from fourth position as next week they face the Red Devils for a place in the Preliminary Final.

By Nat Adamopoulos

Photo by George Manos

FFSA RESULTS

Qualifying Final
MetroStars 3
(J.Yong, D.Menechella, S.Tunbridge)
Campbelltown City 0
(HT 1-0)

Best –
MetroStars
(L.Brian, J.Stavrides, D.Menechella)

Campbelltown
(S.Zilic, M.D'Aloisio, P.Savio)

Elimination Final
Para Hills 2
(M.Mulady, T.O.G.)
Raiders 3 (R.Alagich, O.Malik, A.Taye)
(HT 1-0)

Best - Para Hills (A.Goulding, M.Marrone, N.Orr) Raiders (M.Cartwright, D.Scordo, O.Malik)

FOOTBALL WEST STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Sorrento FC	19	12	4	3	52	28	24	40
Floreat Athena	19	12	3	4	39	22	17	39
Perth	19	11	4	4	41	29	12	37
Inglewood Utd	19	10	4	5	35	29	6	34
Mandurah City	19	8	6	5	52	35	17	30
Stirling Lions	19	7	5	7	37	28	9	26
Cockburn City	19	7	4	8	38	45	-7	25
Swan I.C.	19	7	3	9	38	43	-5	24
ECU Joondalup	19	6	3	10	40	41	-1	21
West Knights	19	6	3	10	31	43	-12	21
Armadale SC	19	4	4	11	22	47	-25	16
Fremantle SC	19	0	5	14	19	54	-35	5

RESULTS

Armadale 4(Oishi 16'40' Robinson 70'88')
Swan IC 1 (OG 83');
Fremantle Spirit 2 (Rodjers 16' Kelly 52')
Western Knights 4(Micevski 12'72' Jukic 57' Trim 85');
Inglewood United 3 (Griffiths 64'87'90')
ECU Joondalup 2 (Higgins 39' Collins45');
Cockburn City 3 (Dos Santos 8'54' Godfrey 30')
Floreat Athena 4 (Scott 37'71' Neiderburger 45' Insaurralde 76');
Sorrento FC 2 (Kilkelly 27' Harnwell 40P')
Perth SC 0;
Stirling Lions 1(Anthony 42') Mandurah City 1(O'Callaghan 13')

SUTHERLAND JOIN WOLLONGONG IN PENRITH SHOWDOWN

Premiers Sutherland defeated Sydney Olympic 2-1 in the Preliminary final on Saturday to join Wollongong in the NSW Premier League grand final, to be held at CUA Stadium in Penrith next Sunday.

In a brave move, Sutherland coach Brian Brown restored his injured captain, George Souris, to the starting eleven for the crucial game, and although Souris was hobbling by the close, the move paid off as Sutherland looked more organised and composed at the back.

After an early chance for Olympic's in-form striker Paul Wither, Sutherland began to take control of the game, mainly thanks to their resurgent midfielder Nick Stavroulakis. On 13 minutes the home side took the lead when Michael Katz, such a crucial contributor for the Sharks this season, broke down the right, beat his ma cleverly and crossed for David Reid to head Sutherland into the lead by the far post.

On 25 minutes Reid was involved again, when his well-measured cross from the left reached Stavroulakis in the middle, who touched it past Michael Herbert in the Olympic goal. 2-0 to the Premiers.

The visitors were lucky not to go 3-0 down in the 33rd minute when the ubiquitous Stavroulakis put Sutherland's top scorer Brad Boardman through; Michael Herbert, however, saved well.

Olympic pulled one back in the 53rd minute when Siraj Al-Tall's shot was deflected into the path of Anthony Hartshorn, who fired home. Thereafter, the game was pulsatingly open, and Phil Zabaks in the Sutherland goal made several splendid saves to preserve his side's advantage. Herbert, too, was often called into action as attack dominated defence at both ends of the field.

When the whistle blew, however, it was Sutherland who came away smiling.

FINAL PREVIEW

Sutherland v. Wollongong in the decider, then: the two teams who finished first and second on the ladder face off on neutral territory at Penrith.

It's a very hard one to call. The two drew 1-1 at Seymour Shaw in the final round of the regular season, and Wollongong overcame a tired Sutherland in the minor semi-final a week ago at the same venue.

Sutherland's George Souris is clearly still struggling with injury, and the Sharks will miss Pedj Bojic at the back as well, but on the plus side, midfielders Reid and Stavroulakis appear to be hitting form at the right time.

Although Brad Boardman has slowed his scoring rate of late, he remains a constant danger at the point of the attack.

For Wollongong, the lengthy absences of gun striker Osagie Ederaro and on-loan signing Dez Giraldi did not seem to affect them as the season reached its critical stage, with the workmanlike Ilija Preznoski proving a highly effective marksman in their stead.

In midfield, the likes of Matthew Bailey and Lachlan Cahill will be a handful for Sutherland, while the Wollongong back-line, featuring few recognisable names, has proved superbly resilient throughout the campaign.

It promises to be a hard-fought, dramatic finale.

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TELECHOICE RESULTS

TELECHOICE PREMIER LEAGUE:
PRELIMINARY FINALS:

FIRST GRADE: Sutherland Sharks 2 (David Reid 13m Nicholas Stavroulakis 26m) Sydney Olympic 1 (Anthony Hartshorn 54m).

GRADE 20: Marconi Stallions 2 (Brodie Mooy 24/26m) Manly United 0.

SUPER LEAGUE:
ELIMINATION SEMI FINALS:

FIRST GRADE:
Granville Rage 0 Rockdale City Suns 3 (O Dincer 16m G Trposki 35m P Zaikovski 88m).

GRADE 20: PCYC Parramatta Eagles 1 Fraser Park FC 0.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
Sutherland Sharks	22	12	8	2	48	19	29	44
Wollongong FC	22	13	5	4	39	19	20	44
Sydney Olympic	22	12	5	5	38	23	15	41
Manly United FC	22	12	3	7	42	21	21	39
Sydney United	22	9	7	6	29	21	8	34
A.P.I.A Leichhardt	22	9	7	6	41	35	6	34
Bankstown City	22	7	6	9	27	27	0	27
West Sydney Berries	22	7	3	12	30	41	-11	24
Marconi Stallions	22	3	10	9	29	41	-12	19
Macarthur Rams	22	4	7	11	16	41	-25	19
Penrith Nepean United	22	3	8	11	25	50	-25	17
Blacktown City	22	3	7	12	14	40	-26	16

By Mike Salter

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STH HOBART'S CUP RUNNETH OVER

South Hobart followed up on their league title triumph last weekend by winning the Milan Lakoseljac Memorial Trophy state-wide competition on Saturday with a 2-0 win over Devonport City at KGV Park.

South have now won four of five trophies on offer this season under the coaching of Ken Morton.

They won the trophy celebrating Launceston City's 50th anniversary in a tournament in Launceston prior to the start of the season, the northern Tasmanian pre-season Steve Hudson Cup, the southern Tasmanian Premier League title, and now the Milan Lakoseljac Memorial Trophy.

The only silverware they have missed out on was the southern Tasmanian Summer Cup, where they lost to Tilford Zebras in the final.

Next weekend, they meet Devonport City again at KGV for the Tasmanian State premiership. A win will give South Hobart five trophies out of six for the season.

Devonport were never in the hunt against South Hobart, despite the goalless opening half.

The southerners were more inventive and had most of the possession, but failed to turn these factors into goals.

Devonport's aerial threat, provided by Chris McKenna, failed to materialise and South's Liam Scott, Hugh Ludford, Matthew Brown and David Cooper were comfortable at the back.

Scott and Cooper, in fact, found plenty of opportunities to attack down the flanks.

Stand-in goalkeeper, Sam Kruijver, was never in trouble and dealt comfortably with the few crosses and one corner that Devonport could muster.

Devonport survived by the skin of their teeth in the 61st minute as South increased the tempo, but they finally cracked with seven minutes remaining.

Substitute Colin Wain found Billy Gasparinatos on the edge of the box and the striker rolled the ball past the unprotected and hesitant Devonport keeper, AndrewHowe, and inside the left-hand post.

A minute later, Jonathon Ladic swung in a corner, which was beaten out by a desperate Howe.

In the 89th minute, Howe did well to parry Wain's shot and, when the ball fell to Greg Downes, just back from trials with Sunderland and Walsall, the youngster fired into the side-netting.

Three minutes into stoppage time, a free-kick floated into the box by Ladic came off the head of Devonport defender Nathan Gratton and the ball looped over Howe and into the net to make it 2-0.

"I thought we struggled to put the game to bed," said South Hobart coach, Ken Morton. "We controlled the game from start to finish, but it took us a while to seal it."

Devonport coach, Tom McGinn, said: "The better team won. It looked as if we were a tired team that had taken its mind off the ball."

Deposed champions Tilford Zebras finished second in the league, but seventh-placed New Town Eagles are still not safe from a possible promotion/relegation play-off against Division One champions, Hobart United, after the sides drew 1-1 at Eagles' Clare Street headquarters last Sunday.

Ben Crosswell hit the bar early on and then scored in the 22nd minute to put Zebras ahead, but a penalty in the 84th minute, awarded for Michael Connolly's foul on Adam McKeown, was converted by Melbourne fly-in, Damien O'Brian, to ensure Eagles of a valuable point.

Kingborough Lions United, currently occupying the dreaded eighth-placed play-off spot, can leapfrog Eagles by beating fifth-placed University away at Olinda Grove next Sunday in a match that was postponed a couple of weeks ago.

That match will complete the Premier League programme.

South Hobart celebrating their Milan Lakoseljac Memorial Trophy win today. It was their fourth piece of silverware this season. They can make it five out of the six trophies on offer next weekend.

FOOTBALL FEDERATION TASMANIA

By Walter Pless

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Fri Sep 12 Melbourne v Adelaide, 7.30 pm LIVE
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Monday 1st September
5am Ligue 1 LIVE St Etienne vs Lyon
9am Midnight Goals Show
2:30pm Eredivisie FC Utrecht vs PSV
4:15pm Bundesliga B Munich vs Hertha Berlin
7pm I'm on Setanta Sports
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7pm Football Matters
8:30pm Ligue 1 Highlights Show
9:30pm Bundesliga Highlights Show

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4am Int Friendly LIVE Germany vs Bay Munich
11am Setanta Sports Cup Linfield vs St Pats
7pm Back of the Net
7:30pm La Liga Numanica vs Barcelona
9:30pm MUTV

Thursday 4th September
11am Copa Suda LIVE Motagua vs Arsenal
7pm Eredivisie Highlights Show

Friday 5th September
4:30am Blue Square Premier League LIVE Kidderminster vs Torquay
4:15pm Blue Square York vs Mansfield

Saturday 6th September
4am UEFA 2009 U21 Qualifier LIVE
England vs Portugal
7pm Friday Football Show
10pm World Cup 2010 Qualifier LIVE
FYR Macedonia vs Scotland

Sunday 7th Sep - World Cup 2010 Qualifiers
2am LIVE Georgia v Ireland
4am LIVE Andorra vs England
6:45am Turkey vs Armenia
9:15am LIVE Colombia vs Uruguay
11:15am Argentina vs Paraguay
1pm Croatia vs Kazakhstan
3pm Luxembourg vs Greece
4:45pm Andorra vs England
6:30pm World Cup Qualifier Highlights Show
8pm Qualifier Georgia vs Ireland

Monday 8th September
3:30am Masters Cup LIVE Grand Final
6:30am Peru vs Venezuela
8:15am Ecuador vs Bolivia
10am LIVE Chile vs Brazil
3:15pm FYR Macedonia vs Scotland
4:15pm Malta vs Portugal

Shooting Straight

CLUBS FIRE BLANKS

The VPL club collective have gone to war with the FFV but wars cannot be won when you load your weapon with blanks!

People within the soccer community will agree that there is improvement needed within the FFV in the way they administer the competition, and it is fair and reasonable to put the FFV under the microscope for a range of issues. But no one can accuse the Federation of pandering to the needs and wants of a select few as we have suspected them off in previous administrations as they stand firm under the pressure of a joint attack by current VPL clubs.

The issue of the participation of the AIS in the competition is a valid point that the clubs raise; as they are non-Victorian and the additional costs to VPL clubs to travel interstate and to country areas to play them is prohibitive Then there is the issue of rules and regulations that are binding on the Victorian clubs that seem to be relaxed in the AIS's case; issues of their ground facilities and so on.

In my opinion the first major blank that was fired in this conflict was the demand that relegation be deferred and that the competition be extended to sixteen teams in season 2009. The rules were in place at the start of the season unlike last year when the decision to relegate four clubs was made either close to or after the transfer window was closed. If ever there was a case to answer it was under those circumstances and not under the current one.

Without a doubt the five clubs who were in relegation mode would have been happy to pursue the claim as it would be advantageous to them if relegation was scrapped, but in my mind it has dented the credibility of the collective in perusing the claim. So too has the fibrillose argument over junior red card fines, which was shot down by FFV CEO Mark Rendell who quoted the amount of fines handed out this season; which was minuscule according to the figures that told us 60% of clubs had yet to earn a red card and another 20% had only earned just the one card.

By all means let's take the FFV to task on their administration of certain areas and their decision making, but let's make sure that the arguments are strong and precise and that the appropriate procedures are followed in making a complaint. All that this action by the collective (which seems to be dwindling in numbers from week to week) has done is put the FFV on the defensive and in a defiant fighting mood.

Last season there were definite concerns with the disciplinary department and the way they handled red card and yellow card offences, which saw many players playing 5-10 game more than they should have before being suspended and some players never missed a game. Issues such as these and the issue of the summer league and so on need to be tackled and made an issue of concern as they hit hard at the integrity of the competition; but they do not need to be tackled with fibrillose and pie in the sky issues added on.

In this writers opinion the most important issue of all right here and right now has been overlooked in the wake of everything else, and that is the catch-up game debacle. Why didn't the Men's Standing Committee make an issue at the time the rules were being drafted of this rule? 'postponed matches must be completed by no later than one week after the conclusion of the season'. The change in this rule has without doubt compromised the integrity of the competition.

Matches being played after the season has ended, which have a bearing on relegation and or a team making the finals is totally OUTRAGEOUS!

The unfortunate thing for the clubs who are directly affected by the results of these matches is that they must take it on the chin as the rule is set in stone now. Why would anyone want to change the rules so as to make the chances of a contrived results a reality is beyond my comprehension, but equally how the rule change was not challenged is equally incomprehensible.

The reality of this conflict between the clubs and the FFV is that the Clubs have gone in guns a blazing and along the journey some have jumped off knowing that they have gone about it all wrong. The finals will go ahead and more than likely the clubs will all be there at the Gold Medal Night, and that equals a massive defeat for their actions of the past few weeks. When the heat dies out and the season is over I am sure the FFV will sit at the table and discuss the concerns of the clubs, but it was never going to happen with the FFV's back to the walls and under threat and intimidation.

Maybe in future those who have been appointed to the Men's Standing Committee will do their job with due diligence so as not to find themselves in the same predicament again. Hopefully common sense will see rule 3.4 in section 4 amended and administration issues addressed to a satisfactory outcome for all the clubs and leagues of the Victorian Federation.

Comment

By John Attard

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Dear Goal! Weekly,

I write to you regarding the decision to request life Members to contribute towards the cost of the Gold medal Night 2008.

The amount is irrelevant – it's the principal of such a request being made of people who over many years, having contributed both financially and through countless years of tireless service to promote and advance football in Victoria.

I have been involved with the FFV for the past forty years, serving on District, Provisional and State League management Committees with two teams as a Board of management member and can speak from experience and with some authority.

One example of such insensitive decisions being made is Mrs Betty Hoar (also a Life Member) having contributed toward the ladies Premier League's best and fairest Player of the Year – "The Hoar-Melville trophy", now being asked to pay to attend the Gold Medal Function to present her own award!

During my long connection with clubs and FFV management, I have not witnessed a more disrespectful period. Policies being created by the Chaairman, CEO and Commissionaires with no consultation with clubs. The excuse being '...we are not required to discus decision making as the clubs are not members of the Federation..." is a far cry from the "consultative" face the FFV wishes to project.

The Commission's answer to the many problems facing our organisation is to hire Consultants at a cost to the FV again, financed by the unrepresented clubs.

It appears of no consequence that the clubs contribute 90% of the FFV finances – affiliation fees, registrations, insurance, fines etc. There are numerous experienced football people who would be only too willing to give their time and expertise to assist in resolving issues relating to the Premier League and State One clubs of the State League.

Communication between clubs and their association seems to be at an all time low.

As Secretary of diamond valley Soccer Club, during the past two years I have not been aware of a Commissioner, Chairperson, CEO or Zone Representative attending a fixture of a State League Division Two to introduce themselves to the club representative and I have reservations that the faceless FFV members are not willing to attend the grass roots games to answer the many problems that exists with FFV.

If clubs request a meeting with the faceless Commissioners, the general answer is to contact your Zone Representative. Which would be fine, except due to lack of communication most clubs are not aware who their Zone representative is.

With distress and disappointment, I wish to inform you that I am returning my Life Membership plaque and no longer wish to be recognised as a Life member of the FFV.

Yours in disgust.

Neilson Love
Ex Life Member of the FFV

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WOMEN'S & MEN'S MASTERS

Results & Ladders

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: Reservoir Strikers Meadow Park , Caulfield Grammarians 4 (J Coope L Menzies A Fleming R Bruch) Darebin Legends 0, Upfield 4 (M Nissan S Lazar J Kakos S Saeed) St. Kevins 0, Broadmeadows Utd 2 (H Unal G Aksakal) Glen Waverley 1 (JA Reed), East Bentleigh 2 (SN Jamieson M Prantzos) Ringwood City 2 (MW Demmert 2), Res: Reservoir Strikers Meadow Park , Caulfield Grammarians 3 Darebin Legends 4, Upfield 6 St. Kevins 4, Broadmeadows Utd 3 Glen Waverley 0, East Bentleigh 1 Ringwood City 1

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: Div 1 Sen: Monbulk 4 (R Sincock R Saber 3) Bayswater Strikers 1 (S Dethridge), Uni. of Melbourne 2 (C Borg SW Gristwood) Brighton 1 (D Hompart), Ballarat Strikers (BL Taylor Z Wathen SJ Gentle 2) Whittlesea Zebras, Res: South Yarra 0 Whitehorse Utd 2, Monbulk 1 Bayswater Strikers 2, Uni. of Melbourne 6 Brighton 0, Ballarat Strikers 0 Whittlesea Zebras 2

Div 2 North-West: Fawkner Blues 0 Melton 1 (M Fuller), La Trobe University 7 Melbourne Bears 0, Darebin Falcons 1 (C Sandmann) Bundoora Utd 0, Port Melbourne 3 (K Emmanouilides 2 J Floros) Brunswick Zebras 2 (K Alexander MA Crofts)

Div 2 South-East: Ashburton 3 Knox Utd 3, South Springvale 3 (M Batinic 2 T Grkinjic) Monash University 0, Beaumaris 3 (S Dillon 2 T Kiddle) Bentleigh Greens 1, Southern Suburbs 3 Berwick City 3, Sandringham 3 (S Samawi KL O'Connor B Fogarty) Mooroolbark 0

Div 3 North-West: Melbourne Tornado 1 (A Micallef) Western Suburbs 3 (E Antoniadis 2 D Tzivanidis), Sunshine Georgies 2 (K Farrugia EK Kacinari) Westvale 0, Maribyrnong Greens 3 (M Huremovic 3) Maribyrnong Utd 1 (G Mandiola), Diamond Valley Utd 3 West Preston 0

Div 3 South-East: Mornington Flames 2 (D Curtois N Aspris) Endeavour Utd 1 (L Mousaco), Noble Park 3 (J Pedic 2 R Kok) Albert Park WSC 0, Richmond 0 Ashburton 2,

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Old Carey 3 DOC United WFC 1, Kyneton District 1 (K Hutt) FC Bulleen Lions 1,

South-East: North Caulfield 2 Albert Park WSC 0, Croydon City Arrows 7 Brighton 1, East Bentleigh 3 Monash University 0

MENS THIRDS: Metro North-West: Reservoir Stars 2 Altona East Phoenix 8,

Metro South-East: Old Melburnians 8 Riversdale 3, Melbourne University Rangers 5 Sandringham City 1, Scotch Old Boys 1 Old Camberwell Grammar 7

Central: Waverley Wanderers 0 North Caulfield 1, Central Park Rangers 1 Monash University 3, Juventus Old Boys 4 Boroondara Eagles 2

North: Brunswick City 8 Uni. of Melbourne 1, Moreland City 1 La Trobe University 3, Melbourne Lions 4 Watsonia Heights 1,

North-West: Essendon Utd 0 La Trobe University 3, Brimbank 3 Cairnlea 3, Hoppers Crossing 1 Keilor Park 2,

South: Doveton 3 Waverley Wanderers 0, Southern Suburbs 2 Beaumaris 1, Berwick City 2 Monash University 0, Dandenong Thunder 0 Sandringham City 3

South-East: Cleeland Utd 5 Caulfield Grammarians 0, Mooroolbark 3 Marcellin Eagles SC 3, Scotch Old Boys 2 Old Trinity Grammarians 2, Eltham North 3 Old Carey 2,

MENS MASTERS: Metro: Heidelberg Utd 2 Bundoora Utd 5, Moreland City 2 Whittlesea Utd 2, Avondale Heights 0 Sunshine Blues 5

South-East: Mooroolbark 7 Beaumaris Masters 4, Southern Suburbs 4 Endeavour Hills 0,

Central: North Caulfield 0 South Yarra 1, Uni. of Melbourne 4 DOC United FC 6

Mens	Metropolitan						League
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	21	18	3	0	71	21	57
Meadow Park	20	12	6	2	53	22	42
Utd	21	9		5	41	35	34
Strikers	20	10	2	8	51	41	32
East Bentleigh	21	10	2	9	38	29	32
Ringwood City	21	8	5	8	39	27	26
Glen Waverley	21	6	5	10	32	44	23
DarebiLegends	21	4	5	12	34	57	17
St. Kevins	21	3	6	12	32	74	15
CaGrammari	21	3	1	17	20	61	10

Mens	Metropolitan			League	Reserves		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	21	17	1	3	71	27	52
East Bentleigh	21	16	2	3	63	24	50
DarebLegends	21	14	2	5	61	31	44
ReservoStrikers	20	10	3	7	36	31	33
Ringwood City	21	10	3	8	43	38	30
Glen Waverley	21	8	3	10	30	47	27
Meadow Park	20	6	4	10	28	31	22
St. Kevins	21	4	4	13	38	63	16
Broadmead Utd	21	3	2	16	22	61	11
CaGrammarians	21	2	4	15	28	67	10

Womens	State		League	Div	1		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melb	16	10	4	2	36	12	34
GRFA	16	8	5	3	29	19	29
Monbulk	16	6	5	5	28	29	23
BayswatSt	16	6	5	5	23	25	23
Whitehorse U	15	5	5	5	21	17	20
Ballarat Striker	15	6	2	7	25	23	20
Brighton	16	3	5	8	22	30	14
WhittleseZebr	15	3	5	7	15	27	14
South Yarra	15	4	2	9	24	41	14

Womens	State	League	Div	1	Reserves		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melbo	16	12	1	3	57	13	37
WhittleseZebr	16	11	1	4	36	21	34
Whitehorse Utd	15	10	3	2	32	16	33
Monbulk	15	8	1	6	25	25	25
BayswatStrik	16	7	1	8	24	28	22
Brighton	15	6	3	6	32	32	21
GRFA	16	3	5	8	23	36	14
South Yarra	15	1	4	10	8	46	7
Ballarat Strike	16	1	3	12	15	35	6

Womens	State	League	Div	2	North-West		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	17	15	1	1	84	11	46
Bundoora Utd	17	13	1	3	87	22	40
Melton	18	9	4	5	23	20	31
North Geelo	17	9	3	5	35	22	30
La TrobUnive	17	9	1	7	34	23	28
Port Melbourn	18	7	2	9	33	48	23
Fawkner Blue	18	6	3	9	33	51	21
Melbourne Bea	18	7	0	11	23	60	21
DarebiFalcons	18	4	3	11	27	34	15
Brunswick Z	18	0	0	18	8	96	0

Womens	State	League	Div	2	South-East		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SoutSpringv	18	18	0	0	69	10	54
Berwick Cit	18	12	2	4	52	26	38
MonasU	18	9	4	5	36	27	31
Sandringham	18	8	5	5	41	28	29
Knox Utd	18	8	2	8	47	50	26
Ashburton	18	5	5	8	31	41	20
Beaumaris	18	5	3	10	19	41	18
SoutheSuburbs	18	5	2	11	34	36	17
Mooroolbark	18	5	2	11	18	39	17
Bentleigh Gree	18	2	1	15	9	58	7

Womens	State	League	Div	3	North-West		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Eagl	17	17	0	0	81	5	51
WesterSuburbs	18	13	2	3	44	13	41
SunshiGeorgies	18	10	3	5	40	28	33
West Preston	18	9	1	8	43	26	28
DiamoValley Utd	18	7	6	5	26	29	27
MelbourTornado	18	7	2	9	26	26	23
Maribyrnong Gre	18	5	4	9	20	34	19
Epping City	17	4	4	9	18	27	16
Maribyrnon Utd	18	4	4	10	21	43	16
Westvale	18	0	0	18	7	95	0

Womens	State	League	Div	3	South-East		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albert Park WS	18	14	2	2	34	13	44
Mornington Fla	18	14	1	3	48	16	43
Noble Park	18	11	4	3	43	14	37
Endeavour Utd	18	11	2	5	50	24	35
DoncastRovers	16	11	0	5	60	22	33
Ashburton	18	5	4	9	28	39	19
Richmond	18	6	1	11	19	50	19
Sandringham	17	4	2	11	20	39	14
South Melbourne	17	2	2	13	24	56	8
Knox City	16	0	0	16	6	59	0

Womens	Metropolitan				League	North-West	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC BulleeLions	17	12	4	1	84	14	40
Old Carey	18	13	1	4	71	35	40
Cairnlea WSC	17	11	1	5	83	35	34
Kyneton District	8	9	3	6	39	31	30
DOUnited WFC	18	9	2	7	54	36	29
Brunswick City	17	7	3	7	37	34	24
BrunswicZebras	17	7	1	9	42	37	22
Fitzroy City	17	7	0	10	54	62	21
Uni. of Melbourne	16	2	1	13	17	75	7
MitchelRangers	17	1	0	16	14	136	3

Womens	Metropolitan				League	South-East	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Caulfield	18	14	2	2	45	13	44
Endeavour Hills	17	13	3	1	72	17	42
Ringwood City	17	12	3	2	70	18	39
East Bentleigh	18	9	6	3	45	31	33
Brighton	18	8	4	6	35	34	28
Croydon CArrows	18	7	2	9	39	35	23
MonasUniversity	18	6	3	9	31	34	21
Sandringham	17	2	3	12	15	59	9
SwinUniversity WSC	17	1	3	13	9	60	6
Albert Park WSC	18	0	3	15	10	70	3

Mens	Thirds	Metro				North-West	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona EPhoenix	15	11	3	1	63	18	36
Werribee City	14	9	3	2	45	21	30
St. Kevins	14	7	2	5	30	31	23
Reservoir Stars	15	5	2	8	39	55	17
Collingwood C	15	4	4	7	32	36	16
Clifton Hill	14	5	1	8	31	38	16
Uni. of Melbourne	14	4	3	7	27	41	15
Old Melburnians	14	3	3	8	21	41	12
Fawkner Blues	7	1	3	3	11	18	6
Melbourne Lions	0				0	0	-3

Mens	Thirds	Metro				South-East	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BaysiArgonauts	17	12	5	0	74	16	41
Old CGrammar	18	12	2	4	66	34	38
Melbourne Range	18	11	3	4	45	23	36
MonUniversity	17	11	2	4	66	19	35
Old Melburnians	18	9	4	5	54	34	31
South Yarra	17	9	2	6	39	32	29
Central Park AC	17	7	5	5	49	34	26
Riversdale	18	7	3	8	44	41	24
SandringhaCity	18	7	0	11	40	52	21
Nova FC	17	3	0	14	18	80	9
Old Grammarians	17	3	0	14	26	90	9
Scotch Old Boys	18	1	0	17	14	80	3

Mens	Thirds				Central		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La TroUniversity	17	12	5	0	60	14	41
South Yarra	17	13	1	3	87	12	40
JuventOld Boys	18	10	7	1	52	27	37
BoroondEagles	17	11	1	5	52	41	34
Nunawadi City	16	8	4	4	34	28	28
Central Park Re	18	6	3	9	26	43	21
North Caulfield	18	5	2	11	31	43	17
MonaUniversity	18	4	2	12	22	37	14
Ashburton	17	4	1	12	29	68	13
WaverWanderers	18	1	0	17	11	91	3

Mens	Thirds				North		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
La TrUniversity	17	17	0	0	68	13	51
Brunswick City	17	10	1	6	50	34	31
Plenty ValleLions	16	9	1	6	31	27	28
DOC United FC	16	7	6	3	43	28	27
Melbourne Lions	17	7	3	7	37	29	21
Moreland City	17	5	3	9	17	25	18
Uni. of Melbourne	17	5	2	10	22	47	17
Watsonia Heights	17	4	2	11	30	54	14
Melton	16	2	3	11	19	45	9
Fawkner Blues	8	2	1	5	10	25	7

Mens	Thirds				North-West		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea	17	11	3	3	52	32	36
La TrUniversity	16	10	5	1	44	25	35
Keilor Park	17	7	5	5	32	26	26
Mitchell Range	16	8	2	6	21	27	26
Brimbank	16	5	8	3	32	29	23
University Range	16	6	4	6	23	18	22
Essendon Utd	17	6	4	7	36	38	22
Upfield	17	4	5	8	36	44	17
HoppCrossing	17	2	3	12	23	40	9
GreenvalUnited	9	0	1	8	9	29	1

Mens	Thirds				South		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	18	15	2	1	64	10	47
SoutheSuburbs	18	12	5	1	46	14	41
BoroondaEagles	17	9	5	3	45	27	32
Berwick City	18	9	1	8	33	22	28
SandringhaCity	18	7	4	7	27	31	25
DandeThunder	18	6	2	10	56	60	20
MonaUniversity	18	5	4	9	32	53	19
BaysidArgonauts	17	5	4	8	22	46	19
Beaumaris	18	3	4	11	23	36	13
WaverWanderers	18	1	3	14	11	60	6

Mens	Thirds				South-East		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cleeland Utd	18	15	1	2	91	19	46
MarceEagles SC	18	12	3	3	78	24	39
BoroondEagles	17	9	2	6	53	35	29
Mooroolbark	18	9	2	7	48	51	29
Scotch Old Boys	18	7	5	6	56	34	26
Old Grammarians	18	8	2	8	38	47	26
CaulGrammarians	18	7	2	9	33	38	23
Brighton	17	5	0	12	28	66	15
Eltham North	18	4	1	13	23	89	12
Old Carey	18	3	2	13	20	65	10

Mens	Masters				Metro		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	16	12	1	3	75	31	37
Moreland City	15	9	5	1	59	20	32
Sunshine Blues	16	9	1	6	43	30	28
Heidelberg Utd	15	9	1	5	39	32	28
Whittlesea Utd	14	4	3	7	29	43	15
Avondale Heights	13	2	1	10	17	57	7
Watsonia Heights	15	1	0	14	14	63	3

Mens	Masters				South-East		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
JuventOld Boys	16	13	1	2	59	24	40
SoutheSuburbs	16	12	1	3	43	17	37
Mooroolbark	15	11	0	4	57	28	33
Endeavour Hills	16	8	2	6	43	30	26
BeaumaMasters	16	8	1	7	42	34	25
Brighton	15	4	0	11	27	45	12
DoncasteRovers	14	3	2	9	38	49	11
Glen Waverley	15	2	4	9	27	44	10
Doveton	15	1	3	11	14	79	6

Mens	Masters				Central		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	16	14	2	0	67	18	44
Eastern Lions	16	9	3	4	69	32	30
DOC United FC	15	8	3	4	47	38	27
North Caulfield	16	7	1	8	32	36	22
Whitehorse Utd	15	5	3	7	34	42	18
Uni. of Melbourne	16	3	1	12	26	68	10
Ashburton	14	1	1	12	16	57	4

Boys 18 Super League: South Springvale 0 Essendon Royals 6, Springvale White Eagles 0 Green Gully 0, Kingston City 1 Brunswick City 0, Brimbank City 3 Casey Comets 1, Keilor Park 2 South Melbourne 3, FC Bulleen Lions Fawkner

Boys S/E 16 Super League: FC Bulleen Lions 2 Doncaster Rovers 3, Berwick City 4 Eastern Lions 1, Endeavour Utd 2 Oakleigh 2, Box Hill Inter 1 South Melbourne 2, Chelsea 3 Springvale White Eagles 0

Boys S/E 15 Super League: Dandenong City Bye , FC Bulleen Lions 1 Monash City 0, Berwick City 1 Mornington 1, North Caulfield Nunawading City , Dandenong Thunder Oakleigh

Boys S/E 14 Super League: FC Bulleen Lions 6 Sandringham City 0, Oakleigh 1 Monash City 2, Box Hill Inter 0 GSL 2, Beaumaris 3 Peninsula Strikers JFC 0, Richmond 3 South Melbourne 0

Boys S/E 13 Super League: FC Bulleen Lions 2 Sandringham City 0, Berwick City 3 N.T.C 1, Box Hill Inter 1 GSL 5, South Melbourne 6 Brighton 0, Croydon City Arrows 1 Monash City 2

Boys N/W 16 Super League: Hume Utd 0 Keilor Park 1, Preston Lions Bye , Fawkner 1 Green Gully 1, Melbourne Knights 4 Sunshine Georgies 0, Coburg Utd 2 Cairnlea 0

Boys N/W 15 Super League: Melbourne Knights Bye , Essendon Royals 4 Keilor Park 0, Sunshine Heights 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0, Fawkner 1 Green Gully 2, Preston Lions 0 Altona Magic 0

Boys N/W 14 Super League: Brimbank 1 Keilor Park 0, Melbourne Knights 0 Brunswick City 1, Essendon Royals 2 Green Gully 3, Hume Utd 0 Coburg Utd 9, Whittlesea Zebras 2 Cairnlea 1

Boys N/W 13 Super League: North City Lions 1 Keilor Park 2, Brunswick Zebras GRFA , Bundoora Utd Green Gully , Melbourne Knights 2 Altona City 1, Essendon Royals 3 Light Utd 0

Boys Metro 18 Blue: Altona City 1 Manningham 2, Richmond Stonnington City , Eastern Lions 1 Knox City 5, Doncaster Rovers Frankston Pines , Altona East 2 Cairnlea 1

Boys Metro 18 Orange: Doveton 3 Endeavour Utd 0, Berwick City 0 Keysborough 0, Brighton 4 Mornington 1, Baxter 7 Sandringham City 0, Langwarrin 10 Beaumaris 1

Boys Metro 18 Purple: Heidelberg Utd 2 Bentleigh Greens 2, Altona Magic 1 Oakleigh 0, Preston Lions DOC United FC , Whittlesea Zebras 2 Richmond 2, Westgate 3 Sunshine Georgies 6

Boys Metro 18 Red: Northcote City 7 Western Eagles 1, Ballarat & District SA 3 Light Utd 4, Brunswick Zebras Westvale , Essendon Royals Bundoora Utd , Melbourne Phoenix JFC 3 Lalor Utd 2

Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Ashburton 3 Darebin Legends 0, East Bentleigh 3 Sherbrooke Rangers 3, Mooroolbark 1 Boroondara Lions 4, North Caulfield Manningham , Brandon Park Doncaster Rovers

Boys South 16 A: Mornington 2 Sandringham City 2, Southern Stars Brighton , Berwick City 4 Langwarrin 1, Chelsea Dandenong City

Boys South 16 B: Bye Brighton , Doveton 4 Langwarrin 2, Baxter 9 Beaumaris 2, Casey Comets 3 Bentleigh Greens 3

Boys South 15 A: Bye Chelsea , Casey Comets Springvale White Eagles , Berwick City 2 Doveton 0, Beaumaris 1 East Bentleigh 0, Brighton 1 Langwarrin 2

Boys South 15 B: Bye Sandringham City , Berwick City 3 Seaford Utd 0, Brighton 0 Langwarrin 0, Carrum Utd 2 Peninsula Strikers JFC 0

Boys South 15 C: Baxter 1 Bye , Phillip Island 4 East Bentleigh 3, Beaumaris 0 Doveton 3, Sandringham City Endeavour Utd , Brighton 3 Baxter 2 0

Boys South 14 A: Mornington 2 Harrisfield Hurricanes 2, Berwick City 11 Keysborough 0, Beaumaris 1 Bentleigh Greens 6, Hampton Park Utd 1 Hampton 0, Brighton Chelsea

Boys South 14 B: Bentleigh Greens 6 Baxter 0, Berwick City 8 Chelsea 1, Endeavour Utd 2 Langwarrin 2, Sandringham City 1 Hampton 0, Brighton 0 Mornington 2

Boys South 14 C: Bye Seaford Utd , East Bentleigh 2 Langwarrin 0, Casey Comets 3 Rosebud 1, Sandringham City 3 Hampton Park Utd 0, Brighton 2 Peninsula Strikers JFC 0

Boys South 13 A: Endeavour Utd Bye , Dandenong Thunder Langwarrin , Berwick City 1 Keysborough 0, Hampton Park Utd 0 Mornington 3, Hampton Dandenong City

Boys South 13 B: Brighton 0 Doveton 0, Sandringham City 0 Mornington 3, Bentleigh Greens 5 East Bentleigh 0, Beaumaris Baxter

Boys South 13 C: Beaumaris 0 Brighton 4, Carrum Utd 3 Springvale White Eagles 0, Rosebud 1 Casey Comets 5, Peninsula Strikers JFC 6 Mornington 0

Boys South 13 D: Berwick City 0 Endeavour Utd 7, Brighton 3 Peninsula Strikers JFC 0, East Bentleigh 1 Lyndale Utd 3, Langwarrin Frankston Pines

Boys South 12 A: Mornington 1 Sandringham City 2, Berwick City 0 South Eastern Piranhas 3, Peninsula Strikers JFC 0 GSL 5, Langwarrin 1 Hampton 0, Brighton 3 Bentleigh Greens 0

Boys South 12 B: Bye Langwarrin , Berwick City 1 Hampton Park Utd 1, Melbourne Phoenix JFC 2 Casey Comets 3, Sandringham City Bentleigh Greens , Beaumaris 4 Seaford Utd 0

Boys South 12 C: Bye East Bentleigh , Hampton Park Utd 0 Beaumaris 1, Langwarrin 0 Doveton 2, Sandringham City 0 Hampton 0, Brighton 4 Mornington 0

Boys South 12 D: Dandenong Thunder Doveton , East Bentleigh 0 Keysborough 1, Carrum Utd 1 Beaumaris 2, Lyndale Utd 2 Berwick City 1, Brighton 2 Baxter 0

Boys South 12 E: Rosebud Harrisfield Hurricanes , Baxter (Western Port) 2 Sandringham City 0, Beaumaris 3 Peninsula Strikers JFC 0, Casey Panthers 5 Seaford Utd 0, Brighton 0 Casey Comets 1

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Brighton Bye , Kingston City 0 Peninsula Strikers JFC 2, Endeavour Utd South Eastern Piranhas , Bentleigh Greens 1 Dandenong City 0, Beaumaris 0 Mornington 2

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Red:

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Chelsea 1 Sandringham City 6, Berwick City 5 Hampton 0, GSL Aspendale , Langwarrin 3 Brandon Park 0, Southern Stars Springvale White Eagles

Boys South 11 Kangaroos/Joeys Red: Brighton 1 1 Mornington 0, Sandringham City 1 Brighton 2 3, Keysborough 4 Hampton 1, Aspendale Beaumaris

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue: Brighton 0 Beaumaris 3, Sandringham City 2 Berwick City 3, Peninsula Strikers JFC 0 Baxter 3, Hampton Park Utd 13 Carrum Utd 0

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange: Brighton Beaumaris , Doveton 3 Casey Comets 1, Berwick City 0 Bentleigh Greens 1, Mornington 9 Seaford Utd 0

Boys East 16 A: FC Bulleen Lions 2 Manningham 2, Oakleigh 0 Whitehorse 3, Nunawading City 4 Clayton 1, Sherbrooke Rangers Doncaster Rovers , Richmond 1 Riversdale 3

Boys East 16 B: Manningham 3 Glen Waverley 4, North Caulfield Caulfield Utd , Knox City 0 Boronia 10, Casey Comets 5 Hampton Park Utd 0

Boys East 16 C: Hampton 5 Mooroolbark 1, South Springvale Whitehorse , Eastern Lions Clayton , Ashburton 8 Glen Eira 0, Mooroolbark 8 Croydon City Arrows 2

Boys East 15 A: Manningham 2 Boronia 5, Eastern Lions Brandon Park , Glen Waverley 9 Clayton 0, South Melbourne 4 Doncaster Rovers 1, Richmond 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2

Boys East 15 B: FC Bulleen Lions 0 Richmond 0, Oakleigh 7 Manningham 2, North Caulfield Doncaster Rovers , Boronia 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 2, Caulfield Utd 1 Riversdale 2

Boys East 15 C: Bye Ashburton 2 , Boroondara Lions 1 Whitehorse 1, North Caulfield Glen Waverley , Brandon Park 2 Ringwood City 0, Ashburton 1 5 Mooroolbark 0

Boys East 15 D:

Boys East 14 A: Manningham 3 Brandon Park 1, Casey Comets 2 Whitehorse 4, North Caulfield 5 Waverley Wanderers 1, Knox City 4 Doncaster Rovers 0, Glen Waverley 0 FC Bulleen Lions 2

Boys East 14 B: Noble Park 4 Glen Waverley 2, Riversdale 0 Stonnington City 3, North Caulfield Eastern Lions , Knox City 0 Ringwood City 3, Doncaster Rovers 4 Croydon City Arrows 3

Boys East 14 C: Mooroolbark 4 Richmond 2, Heidelberg Utd Whitehorse , Doncaster Rovers Boronia

Boys East 14 D: Croydon City Arrows Bye , Riversdale 1 Stonnington City 1, East Bentleigh 1 Boroondara Lions 2, Glen Eira 5 Ringwood City 0, Richmond 2 Nunawading City 1

Boys East 13 A: Mooroolbark 0 Richmond 1, Oakleigh 7 Doncaster Rovers 1, North Caulfield Nunawading City , Glen Waverley Riversdale , Boronia 1 South Melbourne 4

Boys East 13 B: Bye FC Bulleen Lions , Ashburton 5 Glen Eira 1, Clayton Knox City , Richmond 7 Avondale Heights 0

Boys East 13 C: Manningham 0 Boronia 0, Springvale City Brunswick City , North Caulfield Boroondara Lions , Sherbrooke Rangers Ringwood City , Caulfield Utd 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2

Boys East 13 D: Brandon Park 4 Richmond 0, Ashburton 4 Glen Waverley 0, Glen Eira 0 Eastern Lions 1, Riversdale 0 Clifton Hill 1, Knox Utd 6 Monash City 1

Boys East 13 E: Knox Utd 3 Croydon City Arrows 3, Chelsea 5 Manningham 2, Ringwood City 1 Waverley Wanderers 3, Mooroolbark 0 Oakleigh 0

Boys East 13 F: Richmond 0 Eastern Lions 0, Heidelberg Stars South Springvale , Whitehorse 2 Stonnington City 1, Rowville Eagles 3 North Caulfield 0

Boys East 12 A: FC Bulleen Lions 0 Richmond 1, Oakleigh 1 Riversdale 1, North Caulfield Monash City , Box Hill Inter 0 South Melbourne 1, Knox City 0 Ashburton 1

Boys East 12 B: Bye Clayton , Manningham 0 Doncaster Rovers 9, Glen Waverley 0 Box Hill Inter 2, Springvale City Oakleigh , Richmond 2 FC Bulleen Lions 2

Boys East 12 C: FC Bulleen Lions 0 Richmond 2, Lalor 5 Glen Waverley 2, North Caulfield Mooroolbark , Sherbrooke Rangers Glen Eira , South Springvale 0 Doncaster Rovers 1

Boys East 12 D: Boronia 1 Nunawading City 3, Ashburton 0 Croydon City Arrows 2, Boroondara Lions 5 Riversdale 0, Avondale Heights 9 Eastern Lions 1

Boys East 12 E: Bye Ashburton , Doncaster Rovers Whitehorse , North Caulfield Boroondara Lions , Eastern Lions Ringwood City , Richmond 0 Croydon City Arrows 2

Boys East 12 F: Doncaster Rovers Bye , Ashburton 5 Boronia 1, Knox City 4 Croydon City Arrows 1, Glen Waverley 0 Clifton Hill 8

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Ashburton 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1, Box Hill Inter 1 Oakleigh 2, Doncaster Rovers 1 Richmond 1, Croydon City Arrows 2 Caulfield Utd 1

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Orange: Knox Utd 6 Riversdale 2, Hampton 2 Whitehorse 1, North Caulfield South Melbourne , Mooroolbark 1 Oakleigh 3, Richmond Bye

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Yellow: Manningham 1 Ashburton 1, South Yarra 0 Box Hill Inter 5, Monash City Boroondara Lions , Eastern Lions 5 Stonnington City 0, Doncaster Rovers FC Bulleen Lions

Boys East 11 Joeys Blue: FC Bulleen L

Results & Ladders

Green Gully	17	9	6	2	34	13	33
Melbourne Knight	18	9	5	4	31	16	32
Keilor Park	18	9	3	6	28	24	30
Bundoora Utd	17	8	4	5	23	24	28
North City Lions	18	6	3	9	30	37	21
BrunswicZebras	17	5	3	9	22	23	18
Altona City	18	5	2	11	15	30	17
GRFA	17	3	3	11	17	34	12
Light Utd	18	2	4	12	13	35	10

Boys Metro 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Manningham	17	13	2	2	37	16	41
Altona City	18	12	4	2	35	11	40
Frankston Pines	17	12	3	2	55	16	39
Richmond	17	10	4	3	42	17	34
Cairnlea	17	8	1	8	39	32	25
DoncastRovers	17	5	4	8	27	32	19
Stonningt City	17	6	1	10	31	37	19
Altona East	18	6	1	11	20	47	18
Knox City	18	1	4	13	20	52	6
Eastern Lions	18	1	2	15	11	57	5

Boys Metro 18 Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	18	15	3	0	69	16	48
Langwarrin	18	15	1	2	102	26	46
Doveton	18	12	1	5	67	36	37
Berwick City	18	11	3	4	47	23	36
Baxter	18	11	1	6	77	41	33
Mornington	18	8	0	10	50	50	24
Keysborough	18	5	3	10	30	53	18
Endeavour Utd	18	2	3	13	21	77	8
SandringhaCity	18	2	1	15	18	80	7
Beaumaris	18	0	2	16	23	102	2

Boys Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	18	15	2	1	75	17	47
WhittleseZebras	18	13	2	3	48	26	41
Oakleigh	18	12	3	3	48	30	39
Heidelberg Utd	18	6	4	8	42	52	22
Preston Lions	17	6	3	8	31	43	21
DOC United FC	17	6	2	9	40	44	20
Altona Magic	18	5	5	8	29	45	20
Bentleigh Greens	18	5	4	9	36	38	19
SunshiGeorgies	18	5	3	10	33	43	18
Westgate	18	1	2	15	23	67	5

Boys Metro 18 Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MelbPhoenix JF	18	16	2	0	74	17	50
WesternEagles	18	12	1	5	59	33	37
Light Utd	18	11	3	4	53	26	36
Northcote City	18	10	1	7	60	39	31
Bundoora Utd	17	9	4	4	58	38	31
Lalor Utd	18	8	0	10	50	58	24
Ballarat District SA	18	5	2	11	36	58	17
EssendRoyals	17	4	3	10	32	50	15
Westvale	17	3	2	12	22	64	11
BrunswicZebras	17	0	2	15	13	74	2

Boys Metro 18 Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brandon Park	17	16	0	1	65	16	48
North Caulfield	17	14	1	2	69	25	43
Manningham	17	11	2	4	76	23	35
DoncastRovers	17	10	3	4	50	31	32
BoroondarLions	18	10	0	8	49	42	30
SherbroRangers	18	7	3	8	64	47	24
Ashburton	18	5	0	13	34	58	15
DarebiLegends	18	4	3	11	26	53	14
East Bentleigh	18	4	2	12	23	77	14
Mooroolbark	18	0	0	18	9	93	0

Boys South 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SandringhCity	18	13	2	3	50	22	41
Brighton	17	13	0	4	50	17	39
Southern Stars	17	11	1	5	46	29	34
Dandenong City	17	9	2	6	57	34	29
Chelsea	17	8	0	9	47	45	24
Mornington	18	7	2	9	39	37	23
Langwarrin	18	4	1	13	25	55	13
Berwick City	18	1	0	17	26	101	3

Boys South 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	14	13	1	0	92	20	40
Baxter	14	11	1	2	57	19	34
Langwarrin	14	9	1	4	47	28	28
Bentleigh Greens	14	4	3	7	28	37	15
Brighton	14	4	1	9	24	55	13
Casey Comets	14	3	1	10	26	55	10
Beaumaris	14	1	0	13	27	87	3

Boys South 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	15	14	0	1	44	9	42
Doveton	16	10	2	4	38	17	32
Chelsea	15	10	0	5	44	28	30
Brighton	16	10	0	6	34	21	30
Berwick City	16	7	1	8	30	30	22
Beaumaris	16	6	2	8	32	30	20
East Bentleigh	1	6	5	3	8	23	32
Casey Comets	15	2	1	12	17	47	7
Springvale WEag	15	1	1	13	11	59	4

Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringh City	17	14	1	2	60	20	43
Brighton	17	12	2	3	50	17	38
PeninsStrikers J17	8	4	0	4	58	42	28
Langwarrin	17	7	2	8	33	29	23
Berwick City	17	6	3	8	26	25	21
Carrum Utd	17	4	3	10	22	46	15
Seaford Utd	17	3	0	14	17	79	9
Hampton Park	1	1	0	5	17	25	4

Boys South 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	14	12	2	0	45	11	38
Baxter 1	16	11	3	2	63	21	36
Doveton	16	7	5	4	36	20	26
Phillip Island	16	6	4	6	49	39	22
Beaumaris	16	6	4	6	27	30	22
Sandringh City	15	4	3	8	15	41	15
Baxter 2	15	4	2	9	22	39	14
East Bentleigh	16	3	3	10	14	38	12
Brighton	16	4	0	12	29	61	12

Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	18	17	1	0	100	10	52
Brighton	17	10	4	3	57	14	34
Bentleigh Greens	18	9	5	4	59	18	32
HamptoPark Utd	18	9	4	5	48	42	31
HarrisfiHurricanes	18	9	3	6	37	28	30
Hampton	18	6	3	9	21	40	21
Chelsea	17	4	6	7	24	35	18
Mornington	18	4	4	10	34	63	16
Keysborough	18	3	0	15	24	103	9
Beaumaris	18	2	2	14	18	69	8

Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	18	16	2	0	82	9	50
SandringhaCity	18	14	2	2	36	8	44
Bentleigh Green	18	13	1	4	64	22	40
Langwarrin	18	11	1	6	41	19	34
Berwick City	18	7	1	10	42	54	22
Chelsea	18	5	3	10	30	50	18
Mornington	18	5	2	11	14	31	17
Brighton	18	4	3	11	12	39	15
Hampton	18	4	0	14	18	52	12
Baxter	18	3	1	14	19	74	10

Boys South 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	16	15	1	0	77	19	46
Casey Comets	16	10	4	2	69	24	34
Seaford Utd	16	9	3	4	53	24	30
Rosebud	16	9	3	4	50	24	30
Langwarrin	16	8	1	7	30	28	25
PeninsStrikers JF16	5	2	9	30	41	17	
Brighton	16	3	1	12	26	52	10
SandringhaCity	16	3	1	12	22	72	10
HamptonPark Utd16	2	0	14	9	82	6	

Boys South 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mornington	15	12	1	2	45	20	37
DandeThunder	15	11	2	2	48	15	35
Berwick City	16	11	2	3	42	14	35
Keysborough	16	8	2	6	29	15	26
Endeavour Utd	15	8	1	6	26	20	25
HamptoPark Utd	16	6	1	9	26	25	19
Dandenong City	15	5	1	9	23	23	16
Langwarrin	15	2	0	13	17	61	6
Hampton	15	1	0	14	13	76	3

Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Gree	18	16	0	2	78	19	48
East Bentleigh	18	13	1	4	49	22	40
Doveton	18	10	2	6	41	21	32
Brighton	18	8	3	7	26	32	27
Beaumaris	17	8	1	8	36	37	25
Mornington	18	7	3	8	28	23	24
Sandringh City	18	2	1	15	13	72	7
Baxter	17	1	1	15	15	60	4

Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	17	15	0	2	59	10	45
Springvale Eagles	18	11	1	6	50	33	34
Carrum Utd	18	11	1	6	52	39	34
PeninStrikers J	17	10	1	6	51	15	31
Casey Comets	16	10	0	6	42	31	30
Rosebud	18	5	2	11	45	64	17
Beaumaris	18	5	0	13	22	56	15
Mornington	18	0	1	17	11	84	1

Boys South 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	18	13	3	2	54	15	42
Berwick City	18	14	0	4	63	26	42
Langwarrin	17	9	7	1	38	16	34
Brighton	18	10	4	4	37	15	34
Lyndale Utd	18	7	5	6	50	47	26
Frankston Pines	17	3	2	12	17	51	11
PeninsStrikers J18	1	3	14	7	47	6	
East Bentleigh	18	1	2	15	6	55	5

Boys South 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South EPiranhas	17	17	0	0	97	6	51
Brighton	18	14	1	3	49	19	43
Sandringh City	18	13	2	3	58	21	41
Mornington	18	11	1	6	36	26	34
GSL	18	8	3	7	32	31	27
Berwick City	18	7	2	9	54	40	23
Hampton	18	3	5	10	13	48	14
Bentleigh Greens	18	1	6	11	14	54	9
Langwarrin	17	1	3	13	11	57	6
PeninsStrikers JF18	1	3	14	7	69	6	

Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MelbPhoenix JFC17	14	1	2	83	12	43	
Casey Comets	17	13	2	2	47	11	41
Beaumaris	17	12	1	4	51	11	37
Berwick City	17	10	3	4	31	25	33
Sandringha City	16	7	5	4	40	15	26
HamptoPark Utd	17	7	2	8	39	36	23
Southern Stars	9	4	0	5	16	20	12
Bentleigh Greens	16	3	0	13	18	83	9
Langwarrin	17	2	1	14	12	68	7
Seaford Utd	17	0	1	16	7	63	1

Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	16	16	0	0	122	2	48
Brighton	16	13	1	2	62	11	40
Beaumaris	16	10	1	5	55	26	31
HamptoPark Utd	16	9	2	5	32	29	29
Mornington	16	4	5	7	27	45	17
East Bentleigh	16	3	4	9	26	46	13
Hampton	16	3	4	9	16	46	13
SandringhaCity	16	2	4	10	8	50	10
Langwarrin	16	0	3	13	5	98	3

Boys South 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
DandeThunder	17	17	0	0	107	6	51
Lyndale Utd	18	11	3	4	44	27	36
Doveton	17	10	4	3	40	17	34
Keysborough	18	10	3	5	37	35	33
East Bentleigh	18	7	4	7	34	32	25
Berwick City	18	6	4	8	25	41	22
Carrum Utd	18	4	6	8	19	34	18
Beaumaris	18	5	3	10	18	39	18
Brighton	18	3	5	10	19	45	14
Baxter	18	0	0	18	1	68	0

Boys South 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
CasePanthers	18	16	1	1	66	14	49
HarrisfiHurricanes	17	13	1	3	38	8	40
Ba(Western Port)	18	12	1	5	74	27	37
Beaumaris	17	11	1	5	58	24	34
Casey Comets	18	11	1	6	46	29	34
Sandringh City	18	7	2	9	24	31	23
Brighton	18	4	2	12	20	46	13
Rosebud	17	2	5	10	10	51	11
Seaford Utd	18	3	1	14	12	73	10
PeninsStrikers JFC	17	0	3	14	12	57	2

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	16	13	1	2	89	9	40
Mornington	16	11	4	1	56	8	37
South EaPiranhas	15	10	3	2	53	15	33
Beaumaris	16	9	3	4	53	12	30
Bentleigh Greens	16	8	4	4	43	15	28
Dandenong City	16	6	1	9	29	39	19
Endeavour Utd	15	3	0	12	13	61	9
PeninsStrikers JFC	16	3	0	13	13	78	9
Kingston City	16	0	0	16	1113	0	

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale Eagle	17	16	1	0	82	7	49
Berwick City	18	15	0	3	59	15	45
GSL	17	11	2	4	35	13	35
Langwarrin	18	10	3	5	39	25	33
Southern Stars	17	7	2	8	21	18	23
SandringhCity	18	7	2	9	38	40	23
Brandon Park	18	6	4	8	31	42	22
Hampton	18	4	3	11	16	40	15
Aspendale	17	2	1	14	17	56	7
Chelsea	18	1	0	17	6	88	3

Boys South 11 Kangaroos/Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mornington	18	15	1	2	69	7	46
Beaumaris	17	13	3	1	101	7	42
Brighton 1	18	12	3	3	61	8	39
Brighton 2	18	9	3	6	36	20	30
SandringhCity	18	4	2	12	15	48	14
Keysborough	18	4	1	13	21	72	13
Hampton	18	3	3	12	9	59	12
Aspendale	17	2	2	13	6	97	8

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
HamptoPark Utd	18	16	0	2	72	7	48
Beaumaris	18	12	1	5	42	14	37
Berwick City	18	11	2	5	27	27	35
Brighton	18	8	5	5	28	29	29
Baxter	18	8	3	7	11	12	27
SandringhaCity	18	4	3	11	18	33	15
PeninStrikers JFC	18	4	1	13	21	34	13
Carrum Utd	18	1	1	16	8	71	4

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	18	16	1	1	72	9	49
Casey Comets	18	12	4	2	52	13	40
Mornington	18	9	5	4	34	14	32
Berwick City	18	8	6	4	41	13	30
Beaumaris	17	4	7	6	14	23	19
Seaford Utd	18	4	2	12	17	59	14
Bentleigh Greens	18	3	2	13	11	58	11
Brighton	17	0	3	14	5	57	3

Boys East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse	18	13	0	5	40	22	39
Manningham	18	11	3	4	40	24	36
NunawadinCity	18	11	3	4	37	22	36
Riversdale	18	9	4	5	40	23	30
SherbroRangers	17	8	1	8	41	34	25
DoncasteRovers	17	8	2	7	35	35	25
FC Bulleen Lions	18	7	2	9	36	37	23
Oakleigh	18	5	1	12	33	56	16
Richmond	18	4	1	13	37	60	13
Clayton	18	3	3	12	21	47	12

Boys East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Caulfield	17	15	1	1	74	20	46
Casey Comets	18	14	1	3	83	35	43
Boronia	18	11	3	4	75	26	36
Glen Waverley	18	11	1	6	56	47	34
Caulfield Utd	17	8	1	8	74	45	25
HamptPark Utd	18	4	2	12	57	72	14
Manningham	18	3	1	14	28	72	10
Knox City	18	0	0	18	20	151	0

Boys East 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	17	16	0	1	82	19	48
Mooroolbark	18	15	1	2	65	16	46
Ashburton	18	12	1	5	68	29	37
Hampton	18	10	1	7	69	34	31
SoutSpringvale	17	10	1	6	65	30	31
Whitehorse	17	8	3	6	56	34	27
Croydon Arrows	18	3	3	12	38	79	12
Mooroolbark	18	3	3	12	24	74	12
Clayton	17	2	1	14	13	78	7
Glen Eira	18	1	2	15	17	104	5

Boys East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	18	16	1	1	66	10	49
Boronia	18	13	2	3	53	15	41
FC Bulleen Lions	17	9	5	3	49	12	31
Brandon Park	17	9	3	5	49	27	30
Richmond	18	8	2	8	36	20	26
Eastern Lions	17	7	4	6	46	27	25
DoncastRovers	18	5	6	7	44	45	20
Glen Waverley	18	3	5	10	28	43	14
Manningham	17	3	2	12	23	50	11
Clayton	18	0	0	18	21	47	0

Boys East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh	18	15	3	0	53	13	48
FC BulleenLions	18	12	4	2	54	18	40
Richmond	18	10	3	5	52	29	33
DoncasteRovers	17	8	2	7	26	27	26
Riversdale	18	7	5	6	39	24	25
Caulfield Utd	18	6	3	9	23	38	21
Boronia	18	4	5	9	25	55	16
North Caulfield	17	3	5	9	39	48	14
Manningham	18	3	4	11	23	48	13
SherbrRangers	18	3	2	13	18	52	11

Boys East 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse	15	13	0	2	62	7	39
Brandon Park	16	11	4	1	35	6	37
Ashburton 1	16	11	1	4	69	12	34
Ringwood City	16	9	1	6	30	29	27
Mooroolbark	16	6	2	8	23	35	19
North Caulfield	15	5	3	7	25	51	18
Glen Waverley	15	3	2	10	20	45	11
Ashburton 2	16	3	1	12	16	59	10
BoroondarLions	15	1	2	12	17	53	5

Boys East 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	18	17	1	0	107	7	52
Whitehorse	18	12	2	4	55	14	38
FC BulleeLions	18	11	3	4	33	19	35
DoncastRovers	18	10	5	3	39	16	34
North Caulfield	18	10	1	7	44	46	31
Casey Comets	18	6	3	9	28	38	21
Glen Waverley	18	4	2	12	19	54	14
Manningham	18	4	1	13	23	65	13
Brandon Park	18	3	1	14	12	54	10
WaverWanderers	18	1	5	12	11	58	8

Boys East 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Stonnington City	18	16	2	0	56	6	50
Ringwood City	18	14	0	4	45	19	42
Riversdale	18	12	3	3	49	23	39
DoncasteRovers	18	8	3	7	36	28	27
Noble Park	18	8	3	7	45	38	27
Eastern Lions	17	7	2	8	34	33	23
Knox City	18	6	4	8	33	34	22
Glen Waverley	18	3	3	12	25	53	12
North Caulfield	17	3	1	13	19	61	10
Croydon CArrows	18	0	3	15	10	57	3

Boys East 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MelbPhoenix JFC	18	17	1	0	153	6	51
Whitehorse	17	14	1	2	86	12	43
Richmond	18	12	0	6	65	27	36
Boronia	17	8	2	7	41	38	25
Mooroolbark	18	7	2	9	38	53	22
Heidelberg Utd	17	5	0	12	24	96	15
DoncastRovers	17	1	3	13	13	74	5
Caulfield Utd	18	1	1	16	13	127	4

Boys East 14 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Glen Eira	16	13	2	1	63	20	41
NunawadinCity	16	12	3	1	70	13	39
Richmond	16	12	1	3	72	14	37
Riversdale	16	8	2	6	45	26	26
Stonnington City	16	7	3	6	35	32	24
BoroondarLions	16	5	3	8	38	40	18
East Bentleigh	16	4	0	12	22	68	12
Ringwood City	16	3	1	12	23	52	10
Croydon CArrows	16	0	1	15	7	110	1

Boys East 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	18	16	2	0	61	5	50
Oakleigh	18	13	3	2	51	14	42
Glen Waverley	17	9	3	5	31	21	30
South Melbourne	18	7	3	8	27	26	24
North Caulfield	17	6	6	5	25	25	24
DoncastRovers	18	7	1	10	29	40	22
Riversdale	17	4	6	7	24	35	18
NunawadinCity	16	5	0	11	14	47	15
Boronia	17	4	1	12	19	46	13
Mooroolbark	18	3	2	13	16	38	11

Boys East 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	16	12	2	2	51	7	38
FC Bulleen Lions	16	11	5	0	44	6	38
Knox City	15	9	1	5	36	11	28
Ashburton	16	7	3	6	28	24	23
Clayton	15	4	4	7	14	17	16
Avondale Heights	16	3	3	10	18	32	11
Glen Eira	16	0	0	16	6100	0	

Boys East 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Manningham	17	12	3	2	44	9	39
BoroondarLions	17	12	1	4	47	16	37
Ringwood City	17	12	1	4	42	15	37
FC BulleenLions	17	10	2	5	34	17	32
North Caulfield	17	8	1	8	33	22	25
SherbroRangers	17	7	1	9	29	34	21
Brunswick City	17	5	3	9	26	39	17
Boronia	18	5	2	11	21	34	17
Caulfield Utd	18	5	1	12	29	43	16
Springvale City	17	2	1	14	14	90	7

Boys East 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox Utd	18	15	2	1	86	19	47
Eastern Lions	18	13	2	3	40	8	41
Brandon Park	18	13	1	4	52	10	40
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SherbroRangers	15	14	1	0	72	2	43
Ringwood City	15	13	2	0	64	9	41
Whitehorse	16	9	3	4	31	13	30
Knox City	16	7	4	5	46	16	25
North Caulfield	16	7	3	6	22	17	24
WaveWanderers	16	7	2	7	49	31	23
Riversdale	16	4	1	11	18	57	13
Richmond	16	2	0	14	11	86	6
Mooroolbark	16	0	0	16	3	85	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	18	18	0	0	85	6	54
Glen Waverley	17	9	4	4	26	15	31
Whitehorse	18	8	6	4	22	16	30
DoncastRovers	17	8	3	6	21	24	26
BoroondarLions	17	7	4	6	22	26	25
Oakleigh	18	6	6	6	23	31	23
Ashburton	18	5	5	8	18	25	20
North Caulfield	17	4	1	12	10	29	13
Richmond	18	3	4	11	13	38	13
East Bentleigh	18	2	3	13	18	48	9

Boys North 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
EssenRoyals	16	13	1	2	49	14	40
Bundoora Utd	15	10	2	3	43	26	32
Heidelberg Stars	16	9	3	4	61	31	30
Northcote City	15	9	2	4	40	18	29
WhittlesZebras	16	6	4	6	31	36	22
BrunswiZebras	16	7	0	9	39	47	21
Moreland Utd	16	6	2	8	45	38	20
Epping City	16	2	1	13	13	46	7
Coburg Utd	16	1	1	14	12	77	4

Boys North 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	17	16	1	0	140	11	49
Essendon Utd	17	13	0	4	85	21	39
Hume Utd	16	10	4	2	69	20	34
DOC United FC	18	11	1	6	63	35	34
Moreland Wolves	17	9	1	7	42	44	28
Watsonia Heights	18	7	4	7	44	35	25
Bundoora Utd	17	7	3	7	46	37	24
Mitchell Rangers	16	2	1	13	17	96	7
Sunbury Utd	17	1	1	15	131	108	4
BrunswiZebras	17	1	0	16	28	140	3

Boys North 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
EssendRoyals	18	13	5	0	78	22	44
Fawkner	18	11	4	3	58	31	37
Bundoora Utd	18	11	2	5	38	21	35
WhittleseZebras	17	10	3	4	58	27	33
Epping City	18	9	5	4	47	27	32
Moreland City	18	7	3	8	37	22	24
BrunswiZebras	17	5	3	9	33	36	18
Lalor Utd	18	4	4	10	26	45	16
Light Utd	18	4	1	13	24	80	13
Heidelberg Utd	18	0	0	18	14	102	0

Boys North 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	18	15	1	2	74	22	46
Moreland Utd	18	15	0	3	59	15	45
DiamoValley Utd	18	12	2	4	57	26	38
Bundoora Utd	18	12	1	5	67	27	37
Plenty VallLions	18	9	1	8	60	45	28
Brunswick City	18	7	6	5	42	40	27
Epping City	18	4	1	13	31	73	13
Watsonia Heights	18	2	5	11	25	49	11
Moreland City	18	3	2	13	24	89	11
Heidelberg Stars	18	1	1	16	19	72	4

Boys North 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Preston Lions	18	12	2	4	40	20	38
Epping City	17	12	1	4	47	21	37
Fawkner	18	11	4	3	38	14	37
Light Utd	18	10	4	4	43	25	34
Bundoora Utd	17	9	4	4	36	17	31
Greenvale Utd	18	7	4	7	35	25	25
Sunbury Utd	18	5	5	8	26	35	20
EssendoRoyals	18	5	4	9	30	48	19
Eltham North	18	2	2	14	20	45	7
Clifton Hill	18	0	2	16	9	74	1

Boys North 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BrunswiZebras	18	15	2	1	85	12	47
Moreland City	18	14	4	0	65	12	46
Meadow Park	18	8	6	4	50	19	30
WhittlesZebras	18	10	0	8	64	38	30
Watsonia Heights	18	8	3	7	48	31	27
Bundoora Utd	18	6	3	9	19	36	21

Northcote City	18	6	2	10	27	37	20
Banyule City	17	5	2	10	32	46	17
Fawkner	17	5	2	10	24	49	17
Epping City	18	0	0	18	5	139	0

Boys North 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC City Central	16	15	1	0	93	6	46
North City Lions	14	10	3	1	61	17	33
Moreland Wolves	16	10	0	6	65	38	30
Coburg Utd	16	8	3	5	68	36	27
BrunswicZebras	16	7	2	7	41	40	23
Alphington	16	6	3	7	54	36	21
EssendoRoyals	16	5	2	9	29	45	17
Banyule City	16	2	1	13	17	80	7
Eltham North	16	0	1	15	61	36	1

Boys North 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
WhittleseZebras	15	14	0	1	64	7	42
Epping City	16	11	3	2	45	11	36
Brunswick City	15	8	4	3	30	14	28
EssendoRoyals	16	7	5	4	39	18	26
North City Lions	15	5	4	6	23	21	19
Moreland City	16	5	2	9	18	25	17
Preston Lions	16	4	3	9	24	29	15
DiamoValley Utd	15	3	5	7	29	31	14
Reservoir Strikers	16	0	0	16	11	77	0

Boys North 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	18	14	4	0	76	7	46
BrunswiZebras	18	13	3	2	55	12	42
Hume Utd	18	9	8	1	37	5	34
Clifton Hill	18	8	6	4	38	23	30
Alphington	18	8	5	5	38	30	29
Epping City	18	6	4	8	26	24	22
Essendon Utd	18	4	5	9	20	44	16
Eltham North	18	4	4	10	22	54	16
Lalor Utd	18	3	3	12	13	57	12
Watsonia Heights	18	0	0	18	8	83	0

Boys North 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Coburg Utd	18	15	2	1	97	12	47
Epping City	16	13	2	1	41	9	41
WhittlesZebras	18	12	2	4	41	19	38
Light Utd	17	11	2	4	41	17	35
Brunswick City	18	9	2	7	24	21	29
Hume Utd	18	6	1	11	22	48	19
EssendoRoyals	17	4	4	9	23	38	16
Bundoora Utd	17	4	2	11	20	46	14
Meadow Park	18	2	1	15	25	81	7
Eltham North	17	1	2	14	12	55	5

Boys North 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BrunswiZebras	15	13	2	0	72	12	40
Greenvale Utd	16	10	2	4	37	26	32
Preston Lions	16	9	1	6	37	21	28
Light Utd	15	7	5	3	29	20	26
Northcote City	16	7	3	6	29	26	24
Moreland City	15	6	3	6	29	25	21
Moreland Wolves	16	5	3	8	18	30	18
Coburg Utd	15	2	1	12	7	52	6
Fawkner	16	1	0	15	11	57	3

Boys North 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland Utd	18	15	1	2	71	14	46
EssendRoyals	18	12	4	2	53	23	40
DiamoValley Utd	18	12	2	4	43	14	38
Hume Utd	18	9	3	6	44	23	30
Alphington	18	7	4	7	40	38	25
Heidelberg Utd	18	6	5	7	28	33	23
Banyule City	18	6	3	9	23	35	21
Watsonia Heights	18	5	2	11	25	45	17
Epping City	18	4	2	12	19	46	14
Sunbury Utd	18	0	2	16	12	87	2

Boys North 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Lions	18	16	1	1	77	16	49
Plenty ValleLions	18	15	2	1	73	16	47
BrunswiZebras	18	12	0	6	57	27	36
DOUnited FC	17	10	2	5	58	33	32
Pascoe Vale	18	8	1	9	53	41	25
Bundoora Utd	17	6	2	9	24	32	20
MitchelRangers	17	4	3	10	24	51	15
North City Lions	17	4	3	10	21	56	15
BroadmeadUtd	18	4	2	12	15	42	14
Eltham North	18	1	0	17	9	97	3

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	17	13	2	2	65	16	41
Fawkner	18	13	2	3	50	11	41
Sunbury Utd	18	11	5	2	38	12	38
Lalor Utd	18	11	3	4	58	20	36
Bundoora Utd	17	8	5	4	46	23	29
Brunswick City	18	5	5	8	34	25	20
Epping City	17	5	5	7	27	26	20
Heidelberg Stars	17	3	2	12	20	43	11
Diamond Valley Utd	18	2	2	14	5	72	8
Meadow Park	18	1	1	16	11	106	4

Boys North 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	16	13	1	2	56	6	39
Moreland Utd	15	11	2	2	53	6	35
Light Utd	15	11	2	2	60	14	35
Bundoora Utd	15	8	4	3	33	15	28
Fawkner	16	7	2	7	33	23	23
Moreland City	14	5	2	7	20	27	17
Avondale Heights	15	2	2	11	11	48	7
Mitchell Rangers	15	1	3	11	9	68	6
Banyule City	15	0	2	13	8	76	2

Boys North 11 Joeys Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Boys North 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals 1	18	17	0	1	149	4	51
Alphington 1	18	14	2	2	54	22	44
Yarraville	17	11	1	5	57	25	34
Greenvale Utd	17	9	4	4	50	22	31
Essendon Royals 2	18	9	3	6	52	27	30
Eltham North 1	18	8	4	6	40	24	28
Heidelberg Utd	18	7	0	11	29	56	21
Alphington 2	18	4	1	13	13	82	13
Watsonia Heights	18	2	1	15	7	85	7
Eltham North 2	18	0	0	18	6	110	0

Boys North 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Zebras	18	18	0	0	81	3	54
North City Lions	18	12	3	3	53	14	39
St. Albans Saints	18	11	5	2	55	10	38
Plenty Valley Lions	18	7	4	7	35	38	25
Moreland Wolves	18	7	3	8	27	36	24
Brunswick Zebras	18	6	3	9	23	32	21
Hume Utd	18	5	3	10	16	37	18
Upfield	18	5	2	11	21	53	17
Clifton Hill	18	2	5	11	19	55	11
Watsonia Heights	18	2	2	14	15	67	8

Boys West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	16	13	3	0	46	10	42
Hoppers Crossing	15	11	0	4	49	20	33
Keilor Park	16	10	3	3	42	19	33
Green Gully	16	9	2	5	40	19	29
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	7	2	7	31	32	23
Williamstown	16	6	0	10	25	43	18
Gisborne	15	3	3	9	24	36	12
Laverton Park	16	2	3	11	16	39	9
Sunbury Utd	16	1	2	13	10	65	5

Boys West 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City	17	14	0	3	64	22	42
Altona City	17	13	1	3	41	16	40
Brimbank	17	12	1	4	62	28	37
Western Eagles	17	10	2	5	68	23	32
Reservoir Strikers	17	7	3	7	28	31	24
Altona East	17	6	3	8	35	47	21
Melton	17	5	1	11	35	49	14
Sydenham Park	17	4	1	12	26	65	13
South Yarra	17	4	0	13	37	56	12
Melbourne Lions	9	0	0	9	9	68	0

Boys West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona East	15	14	1	0	59	5	43
Sunshine Georgies	16	13	2	1	56	8	41
Werribee City	16	9	2	5	28	24	29
GRFA	16	8	1	7	39	27	25
Geelong	16	8	0	8	26	24	24
Green Gully	15	7	1	7	37	28	22
Brimbank City	16	6	0	10	23	50	18
Keilor Park	16	2	1	13	13	64	7
Sydenham Park	16	0	0	16	10	61	0

Boys West 15 B North/West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Wolves	18	17	0	1	140	19	51
Williamstown	17	15	1	1	123	16	46
Port Melbourne	18	11	1	6	103	44	34
Hoppers Crossing	17	10	0	7	89	40	30
Altona City	18	7	1	10	50	52	22
Carlton Youth	18	5	1	12	50	91	16
Lalor Utd	18	3	1	14	20	132	10
Bacchus Marsh JSC	18	0	1	17	61	87	1

Boys West 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Boys West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona East	17	14	0	3	64	22	42
North Geelong Warriors	18	13	3	2	48	16	42
Werribee City	18	14	0	4	59	28	42
Sunshine Heights	18	12	2	4	29	13	38
Sydenham Park	17	7	2	8	42	32	23
Sunshine Georgies	18	6	1	11	34	39	19
South Yarra	18	6	1	11	23	45	19
GRFA	18	5	2	11	26	36	17
Hoppers Crossing	18	4	1	13	28	50	13
St. Albans	18	1	1	16	14	75	4

Boys West 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	16	13	1	2	49	10	40
Green Gully	15	11	2	2	54	10	35
Melton	15	8	2	5	29	19	26
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	15	7	1	7	35	32	22
Western Eagles	16	7	1	8	34	38	22
Brimbank	15	4	1	10	15	32	13
North Sunshine Eagles	16	0	0	16	9	84	0

Boys West 14 C North/West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Gisborne	18	13	4	1	57	10	43
Williamstown	18	12	5	1	68	19	41
Yarraville	17	11	3	3	70	30	36
Avondale Heights	17	10	2	5	57	25	32
Preston Lions	18	10	2	6	42	34	32
DOC United FC	17	7	0	10	43	55	21
Hoppers Crossing	18	6	0	12	39	73	18
Wyndham Olympic	18	5	2	11	39	48	17

Melton	18	3	3	12	17	78	12
Sunbury Utd	17	0	1	16	12	72	1

Boys West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Gisborne	18	16	1	1	47	13	49
Altona City	18	14	0	4	43	15	42
Sunshine Georgies	18	12	1	5	27	21	37
BASL	18	11	0	7	37	23	33
Laverton Park	18	7	3	8	30	35	24
Geelong	18	6	2	10	22	32	20
Green Gully	18	5	4	9	23	30	19
Williamstown	18	5	1	12	22	32	16
Keilor Park	18	3	4	11	17	39	13
Cairnlea	18	2	2	14	19	47	8

Boys West 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melton	18	15	1	2	53	14	46
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	18	14	3	1	77	16	45
Brimbank	18	11	3	4	39	18	36
Maribyrnong Greens	18	8	3	7	35	25	27
Brimbank City	17	7	2	8	29	32	23
Sydenham Park	17	5	6	6	45	36	21
Hoppers Crossing	18	4	4	10	38	49	15
Williamstown	18	4	3	11	23	49	15
Werribee City	18	4	3	11	24	52	14
Spring Hills	18	2	2	14	27	99	8

Boys West 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
AVA Seagulls	18	16	1	1	77	14	49
Bundoora Utd	18	13	3	2	60	19	42
Wyndham Olympic	18	11	2	5	49	31	35
Melbourne Lions	18	10	4	4	60	26	34
Maribyrnong United	18	9	4	5	53	46	31
FC Birarrung JFC	18	7	3	8	40	37	24
Flemington Eagles	18	7	3	8	41	43	24
Mitchell Rangers	17	6	1	10	47	60	19
Port Melbourne	18	5	2	11	37	48	17
Upfield	18	4	1	13	31	68	13
Bacchus Marsh JSC	18	3	1	14	27	89	10
Brunswick Zebras	17	2	3	12	18	59	9

Boys West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	18	13	2	3	40	11	41
GRFA	18	12	4	2	30	9	40
Green Gully	18	11	3	4	39	12	36
Keilor Park	18	6	7	5	20	21	25
Gisborne	18	6	6	6	27	26	24
Hoppers Crossing	18	7	2	9	29	26	22
Altona City	18	6	4	8	15	22	21
Williamstown	18	5	5	8	16	24	20
Sunshine Georgies	18	6	2	10	25	36	20
South Yarra	18	0	1	17	6	60	1

Boys West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea	18	17	1	0	93	8	52
Green Gully	18	12	3	3	49	15	39
Altona Magic	17	11	2	4	32	19	35
Brimbank	18	9	2	7	32	24	29
St. Albans	18	7	6	5	27	39	27
Keilor Park	18	6	4	8	32	41	22
Sydenham Park	18	5	5	8	23	31	20
South Yarra	17	3	3	11	18	50	12
Melbourne Knights	18	3	2	13	26	53	11
Melton	18	0	4	14	15	67	4

Boys West 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	18	17	1	0	129	6	52
Brimbank	17	10	4	3	52	25	34
Keilor Wolves	16	9	5	2	47	18	32
Cairnlea	18	9	5	4	51	23	32

Altona City	18	8	5	5	44	32	29
Wyndham Olympic	18	8	2	8	35	28	26
Williamstown	18	7	4	7	33	31	25
Laverton Park	17	6	6	5	37	18	24
Flemington Eagles	18	7	3	8	30	40	23
Spring Hills	17	4	1	12	36	64	13
Gisborne	18	1	0	17	81	21	3
Hoppers Crossing	17	0	2	15	81	04	1

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	18	16	1	1	54	9	49
Altona City	18	12	2	4	41	14	38
Melbourne Knights	18	11	4	3	57	13	37
Green Gully	18	11	3	4	52	14	36
Keilor Park	18	11	3	4	40	14	36
Hoppers Crossing	18	6	4	8	23	22	22
Williamstown	18	6	1	11	20	43	19
Werribee City	18	4	1	13	19	40	13
Sunshine Georgies	18	3	1	14	17	56	10
Altona East	18	0	0	18	21	00	0

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Boys West 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Boys West 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Port Melbourne	18	16	2	0	78	8	50
Green Gully	17	13	1	3	70	13	40
Laverton Park	18	13	1	4	57	13	40
Altona City	18	12	0	6	67	16	36
Gisborne	17	12	0	5	52	23	36
Hoppers Crossing	18	6	0	12	33	58	18
Bacchus Marsh JSC	18	4	2	12	28	78	14
Cairnlea	18	3	3	12	12	48	12
Spring Hills	18	2	2	14	14	88	8
Werribee City	18	2	1	15	13	79	7

Boys West 11 Joeys/Kangaroos Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank	18	13	3	2	63	15	42
Sunshine Heights	18	12	4	2	33	5	40
Green Gully	17	12	3	2	57	8	39
Brimbank City	18	12	2	4	67	18	38
Keilor Park	18	9	2	7	46	26	29
Maribyrnong Greens	18	8	4	6	54	22	28
Sydenham Park	17	4	3	10	27	47	15
Western Eagles	18	3	4	11	29	52	13
Westvale	18	2	3	13	11	74	9
Williamstown	18	0	0	18	21	22	0

Girls Metro 18 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	16	15	1	0	121	6	46
Boroondara Eagles JFC	16	12	0	4	73	21	36
Berwick City	16	11	2	3	63	22	35
Westgate	16	11	1	4	86	18	34
Beaumaris	16	10	0	6	71	38	30
Langwarrin	16	8	2	6	72	35	26
Mooroolbark	16	6	0	10	30	48	18
Brimbank	16	6	0	10	29	65	18
Gisborne	16	3	0	13	14	76	9
Croydon City Arrows	16	2	0	14	161	56	6
Whitehorse	16	1	0	15	8	98	3

Girls Metro 18 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Girls Metro 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

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REUNION TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF JUVENTUS MELBOURNE

The legendary Juventus (Melbourne) was founded in 1948 (the same year the first Holden rolled off the assembly line). It soon became the biggest thing in Australian Soccer winning FIVE consecutive Victorian titles (then arguably the best league in the country) in 1952-53-54-55-56.

Another major triumph was the championship victory of 1970 when the team fielded players of the calibre of Jack Reilly, just to mention one 1974 World Cup Socceroo. In the same year Juventus also won the Australia Cup, one of the very first "national" competitions.

One more notable milestone was 1985 when the Black and Whites, as Brunswick Juventus, won the National League title with players like Paul Wade, Mickey Petersen, Andrew Zinni, Mehmet Durakovic, Fabio Incantalupo. In more recent years it has maintained an association of sort with local soccer through various mergers, namely Thomastown Zebras, Bulleen Zebras and - currently - Whittlesea Zebras FC (Corporate name "Whittlesea Juventus International Football Club Inc.").

The Juventus Old Boys Club, with clubrooms and ground in the City of Manningham, is celebrating the anniversary with a Gala Night on Saturday 22 November (from 6.30 pm) at the Casa D'Abruzzo Club in Epping. Tickets $60 (all inclusive). Enquiries and bookings - Peter Balassone 0412 389092, Dino De Marchi 0419 305258, Pat Della Rocca 0416 199248, Neno Mariani 0414 920835, Tania De Marchi 0421 11759). E-mail address: juventus1948@live.com.au

For the purpose of updating an "Honour Roll" to be on show at the Gala Night and to go into the archives of the Juventus Old Boys, the organising committee warmly asks the many thousands of former players, officials and supporters of some three generations to make contact (even if unable to attend the Gala Night), to come forward or even to offer news and contacts of long-out-of-contact stalwarts of the legendary Black and Whites.

The famous Black and Whites win one of their many championships during the 1950s

EXPANSION GETS GO AHEAD

The entry of two new teams to the Hyundai A-League for the 2009-10 season was confirmed by the Board of Football Federation Australia (FFA).

Teams from the Gold Coast and Townsville will expand the Hyundai A-League to a ten team competition in only its fifth season.

Speaking from Skilled Park on the Gold Coast, FFA CEO, Ben Buckley, said today it was another "fantastic news day" for the Hyundai A-League.

"The Gold Coast is a vitally important region for football.

"It is one of the fastest growing regions in the country with a population already over half a million and a strong level of participation and interest in the sport.

"We know that the people of the Gold Coast enjoy supporting local teams and I have no doubt Skilled Park will be one of the best home grounds in the country."

Buckley said that the Gold Coast should also be an attractive team for players and coaches. "Having a local team will also help encourage talented young players from the region, as it gives them a clear pathway into Australia's premier competition."

Gold Coast born players currently participating in the Hyundai A-League include Karl Dodd, David Dodd, Griffin McMaster, Mitch Nichols and Tom Oar.

Gold Coast's CEO, Clive Mensink, echoed Buckley's delight. "This is absolutely tremendous news for the Gold Coast.

"FFA has worked with us tirelessly to finalise our bid and to get this club up and running. We thank them for their diligence and attention throughout the process.

"As a club, we want to contribute as much as we can to the long term enrichment and development of the game. That begins with harnessing support and input from the Gold Coast community, then producing a successful, entertaining team for them to support and be proud of.

"This is a fantastic outcome and we couldn't be happier, and it is only the beginning of what is an exciting new era for football on the Gold Coast," Mensink said.

Buckley said that a license has also been approved for the Townsville-based North Queensland consortium but final legal documentation is yet to be completed.

"North Queensland has met all the commercial criteria we set for them last month, including local community and business support which has been terrific.

"Like the Gold Coast, North Queensland people are very proud of their local teams.

"We know that there are many people in the city of Townsville, and beyond, who are looking forward to the Hyundai A-League being part of the North Queensland sporting landscape.

"North Queensland has a fine record of producing outstanding home grown players, and having a local Hyundai A-League team will be another impetus to encourage more talented young footballers," Buckley said.

Current Hyundai A-League players from North Queensland include Steve Corica, Tahj Minniecon, Mitchell Langerak and Michael Thwaite. Other former prominent players from North Queensland include Socceroo great, Frank Farina, Glenn Gwynne, Wayne Srhoj, Shane Stefannuto, Kasey Wehrman and Jason Polak.

North Queensland FC consortium head, Don Matheson, said he was also delighted to have the license approved. "I would like to thank Ben and all his people at FFA for their patience and hard work with us.

"It's been a fast and furious four weeks since we were granted exclusive negotiation rights and it has been very rewarding to see the wonderful response from local people.

"I'm very appreciative of the opportunity to finalise the legal paperwork.

"We're all so committed to the long term future growth of football and of ensuring North Queensland is a leading team in the Hyundai A-League in the years to come."

Buckley estimated it would be a few weeks before all legal requirements were finalised between North Queensland FC and FFA but reiterated this was the only matter outstanding.

"Expansion of the Hyundai A-League is a critical issue to the continuing evolution and growth of football and this is a very exciting day for FFA, everyone involved in the Hyundai A-League, Gold Coast United and North Queensland," said Buckley.

He reiterated the FFA's earlier view that, ultimately, the Hyundai A-League has the capacity to be at least a 12 team competition and possibly 14 teams.

Buckley also confirmed that FFA is continuing discussions with a number of consortia on the basis of a successful entry in to the Hyundai A-League in 2010-11.

Gossip and Transfer Speculation from the English Media...

Robinho To Talk To Media

Brazilian forward Robinho continues his conflict with Real Madrid and has scheduled a press conference for Sunday.

The player's manager, Wagner Ribeiro, announced today that Robinho will be speaking to the press at Madrid's Eurobuilding hotel at 12pm local time.

Although it remains unclear what it is exactly that Robinho will discuss, it is likely that it only adds to the current conflict with Real Madrid.

The striker has been wanting to leave the Spanish side, preferably for Chelsea.

Madrid refused to accept an offer from the English club however, although chairman Calderón did promise to respect the players' wishes should he really want to leave, albeit by terminating the contract.

Robinho has been left out of Real Madrid's squad for their first Liga match on Sunday.

Pavlyuchenko A Hotspur

Tottenham reached an agreement to sign Russia striker Roman Pavlyuchenko from Spartak Moscow.

Pavlyuchenko arrived in England on Friday for a medical and negotiations over personal terms and the deal was sealed on Saturday.

"We are delighted to announce that we have reached agreement with Spartak Moscow for the transfer of Roman Pavlyuchenko to the Club," a statement on Tottenham's website confirmed.

The fee paid by Tottenham has not been disclosed but it is understood to be around 14 million pounds (17 million euros) and the move could pave the way for Dimitar Berbatov to leave Spurs for Manchester United.

Pavlyuchenko will not feature when Spurs take on Chelsea on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Real Zaragoza president Agapito Iglesias is reported to be in London to discuss the possible transfer of Diego Milito and Sergio Garcia from the Spanish club to Spurs.

Champions League Draw

Group A - Chelsea (ENG), CFR Cluj (ROM) Bordeaux (FRA), AS Roma (ITA)

Group B - Anorthosis (CYP), Panathinaikos (GRE), Inter (ITA), Werder Bremen (GER)

Group C - Sporting Lisbon (POR), FC Basel (SUI), Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR), FC Barcelona (ESP)

Group D - Liverpool (ENG), PSV (NED) Atletico Madrid (ESP). Marseille (FRA)

Group E - Aalborg (DEN), Man United (ENG), Villarreal (ESP), Celtic (SCO)

Group F - Fiorentina (ITA), Steaua Bucharest (ROM), Bayern Munich (GER), Lyon (FRA)

Group G - Arsenal (ENG), Porto (POR) Fenerbahçe (TUR), Dynamo Kyiv (UKR)

Group H - BATE Borisov (BLR), Juventus (ITA), Zenit St Petersburg (RUS), Real Madrid (ESP)

Ballack To Miss Qualifier

Germany captain Michael Ballack is doubtful for next month's 2010 World Cup qualifiers against Liechtenstein and Finland because of a niggling foot injury, the German Football Federation (DFB) said on Saturday.

"Ballack spoke by telephone on Friday with Joachim Loew (Germany coach) to tell him that his foot injury picked up at the start of the English championship was still painful," the DFB said.

"It's probable that he will need a longer break."

The 32-year-old, who has won 87 caps and scored 38 goals for the national side, will join the German team on Tuesday to have his injury further assessed.

Ballack already missed an international friendly against Belgium, and will not play in Sunday's Premier League tie against Tottenham.

Germany play Liechtenstein on September 6 at Vaduz and Finland four days later in Helsinki.

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